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MEMO:

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -  
MEMBERSHIP;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

A closing Internal Security case is being opened on the above captioned matter in order to provide a repository for data as it is accumulated in the future under this particular category.

This will will include current membership and recruiting statistics of the CP and other general information specifically pertaining to membership and recruiting matters.

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Title and Character of Case

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, MEMBERSHIP  
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Date Property Acquired

1/22/84

Source From Which Property Acquired

See individual 1B's

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

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Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Evidence and information retain

To Be Returned

Yes  No

See Serial

Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit

SA

[Redacted]

Agent Assigned Case

SA

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Yes  No Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

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Description of Property or Exhibit

- 1/23/84 Computer printout captioned: ALPHABETIC LISTING OF NEW YORK CPUSA CASES. Received 1/22/84 by SA [Redacted]

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Signature of Two  
Special Agents  
Verifying and Sealing  
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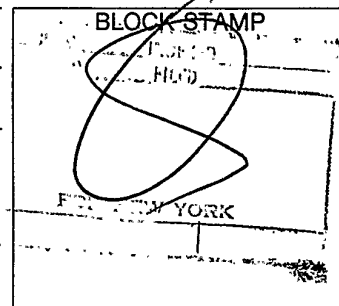
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Date 5/26/83

Title and Character of Case

COMMUNIST PARTY USA MEMBERSHIP  
IS-C

Date Property Acquired: SEE BELOW  
Source From Which Property Acquired: SEE INDIVIDUAL 1B's

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: VAULT  
Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION RETAIN

To Be Returned:  Yes  No  
See Serial:   
Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit: SA [ ]  
Agent Assigned Case: SA [ ]

Yes  No Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

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Description of Property or Exhibit

- 1. 5/26/83 Computer printout captioned; "Alphabetic listing of new york CPUSA cases". Rec'd on 5/25/83 by SA [ ]

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1. Photostatic copy of a nine page publication issued by John Williamson containing important material for National Committee members. See ser. 18.
  2. Mimeographed copy of recruiting drive statistics dated March 15 - June 1, 1946 for NY State CP. See serial 25.
  3. Dues report of NY State CP as of 9/30/46. Obt. from trash cover of Queens Co. CP Hdq., 46-14 Queens Blvd., Sunnyside, LI on 10/17/46. Subm. by SA R.S. Garner.
  4. Dues report showing NY State from Sept. 7, 1946 thru Aug. 31, 1946. Obt. from trash cover on Queens Co., CP. Subm. by SA R.S. Garner on 10/4/46.
- Following two exhibits were obtained from trash cover at Queens Co., Hdq. on 10/31/46. Subm. by SA R.S. Garner.
5. Draft plan on 1947 registration issued by NY State CP.
  6. Plan on 1947 registration issued by King County CP.
  7. Special bulletin on activizing and educating our new members (NYSCP). Obt. from trash cover on Queens Co. CP. Subm. by SA R.S. Garner on 11/22/46.
  8. Registration Bulletin #2 for week ending 12/10/46 issued by NY State CP. Obt. from  on 12/20/46 by SA R.S. Garner.

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BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 1/29/47

CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP

INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Source from which obtained Various sources

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for which acquired \_\_\_\_\_

Location of bulky exhibit Files in exhibit section - 5th. floor

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit \_\_\_\_\_

List of contents:

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1. Mimeographed dues report for the State of New York Communist Party for the period Jan. 1, 1946 - June 30, 1946. See serial 39.
2. Mimeographed letter dated 4/19/46 from Iay Forbes, Membership Director, NY State CP, to all members of the "500" Brigade re: Recruiting Drive. Obtained from trash cover at Queens Co. Hdq. on 12/9/46. Submitted by SA R.S. Garner.
3. Registration Bulleting #1 issued by NY State CP re: Recruiting Statistics as of 11/26/46. Obtained from trash cover at Queens Co. Hdq. on 12/9/46 and submitted by SA R.S. Garner.
4. Dues Report as of 10/31/46 issued by NY State CP. Obt. from [redacted] on 12/13/46 by SA R.S. Garner.
5. Registration Bulleting #4 for week ending 12/24/46 issued by NY State CP. Obt. from [redacted] on 1/3/47 and submitted by SA R.S. Garner.
6. Dues report for Nov., 1946 issued by NY State CP. Obtained from [redacted] on 1/3/47 and submitted by SA R.S. Garner.
7. Registration Bulleting #6 issued by NY State CP for week ending 1/7/47. Obtained from [redacted] on 1/17/47 and submitted by SA R.S. Garner.
8. Recruiting and Registration Objectives for 12/31/46 issued by NY State CP. Obtained from [redacted] on 1/10/47 by SA R.S. Garner.
9. Registration Appeal dated 1/8/47 issued by William Z. Foster. Obtained from [redacted] by SA R.S. Garner on 1/31/47.

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 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 NEW YORK OFFICE  
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## BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 3/4/47~~CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP~~~~INTERNAL SECURITY - C~~  
(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Source from which obtained Various sources

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for which acquired \_\_\_\_\_

Location of bulky exhibit Files in exhibit section - 5th. floor

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit \_\_\_\_\_

List of contents:

10. Instructions re: membership questionnaires issued by National Review Commission, CP, USA. Obtained from Conf. Inf. ND 301 by SA R.S. Garner on 1/6/47.
11. Rough draft of CP members pledge to recruit new members and obtain D.W. subscriptions. Obtained from [redacted] on 1/24/47 by SA R.S. Garner.
12. 1946 - 1947 CP registration card. Obtained from [redacted] on 1/24/47 by SA R.S. Garner.
13. Registration bulletin #5 for week ending 12/31/46 issued by NY State CP. Obtained from [redacted] on 1/24/47 by SA R.S. Garner. b7D
14. Instructions re: membership questionnaires issued by NY State CP review commission. Obtained from Conf. Inf. ND 301 on 1/30/47 by SA R.S. Garner.
15. Registration Bulletin #9 for week ending 1/28/47 issued by NY State CP. Obtained from [redacted] on 2/4/47 by SA R.S. Garner.
16. Decisions made at meeting of Section Education Directors and Literature Directors, Bronx County, CP, 1/30/47. Obt. from [redacted] on 2/7/47 by SA R.S. Garner.
17. Final 1946 dues and membership report of NY State CP. Obtained from Conf. Inf. ND 301 on 2/10/47 and submitted by SA R.S. Garner.

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## BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 3/4/47CP, USA, MEMBERSHIPINTERNAL SECURITY - C

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Source from which obtained Various sources

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for which acquired \_\_\_\_\_

Location of bulky exhibit Files in exhibit section - 5th. floor

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit \_\_\_\_\_

List of contents:

18. Memo on party building campaign, NY State CP, 3/15 to 6/1/46. Obtained from Conf. Inf. ND 301 on 2/10/47 by SA R.S. Garner.
19. Registration Bulletin #9 for week ending 1/28/47 issued by NY State CP. Obtained from [redacted] on 2/11/47 by SA R.S. Garner.
20. Registration Bulletin #10 for week ending 2/4/47 (NY State CP). Obtained from Conf. Inf. ND 419 on 2/17/47 by SA R.S. Garner.
21. Registration Bulletin #11 for week ending 2/4/47 (NY State CP). Obtained from Conf. Inf. ND 419 on 2/17/47 by SA R.S. Garner.
22. Membership as of 12/31/46 and registration as of 2/14/47 of NY State CP. Obtained from Conf. Inf. ND 301 on 2/24/47 by SA R.S. Garner. b7D
23. Bulletin entitled "Open Up I've Come to Help you Recruit". Obtained from [redacted] on 2/28/47 by SA R.S. Garner.

Following exhibits were obtained from ND 426 on dates indicated and submitted by SA R.S. Garner.

24. Memo (undated) re: Some Suggestions for Party Building Drive. Obt. 3/14/47
25. Registration Bulletin #15 for week ending 3/11/47 issued by NY State CP. Obt. 3/14/47.
26. Poster entitled "Recruit - Build the CP" Obt. 4/5/47
27. Partial 1946 membership statistics for NY State CP. Obt. 4/5/47. 770-80638-162
28. Registration bulletin #17 for week ending 3/25/47. Obt. 4/5/47. FBI
29. Pamphlet entitled "Recruit" Obt. from Conf. Inf. ND 401

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## BULKY EXHIBIT

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(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Source from which obtained Various sources

Address \_\_\_\_\_

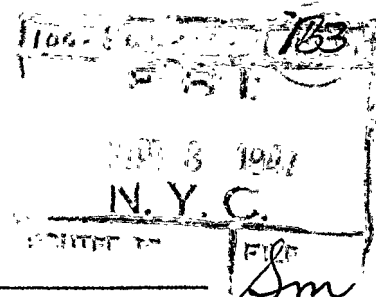
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Location of bulky exhibit Files in Exhibit Section -5th floor

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit \_\_\_\_\_

List of contents:

30. Recruiting Drive Bulletin #6 for week ending 4/18/47. Obtained from ND 426 4/28/47 and submitted by SA [redacted] See Serial 70. & 73.
31. Proposals for June Control, 1947. Obtained from ND 426 4/28/47 and submitted by SA [redacted] See Serial 71.
32. Recruiting Bulletin #7 for week ending 4/26/47 issued by NY State CP. Obtained from [redacted] on 5/6/47 by SA R.S. Garner.
33. Recruiting Drive Bulletin #8 for week ending 5/21/47. See serial 74.
34. Recruiting Bulletin #9 dated May 16, 1947, on Krumbein Recruiting Drive for the period March 1, 1947, through September 1, 1947. See serial 81.
35. Blank Control Report dated 3/25/47 re New Members Classes. see serial 82.
36. Recruiting drive, Bulletin #4 extending 3/31/47 to 5/31/47, week ending 4/4/47 set out. Bulletin put out by NY State CP. See serial 83.
37. Copy recruiting drive Bulletin #9, CP, NY State March 1 - July 4, week ending 5/21/47. See serial 84.

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## BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 6/28/47CP, USA, MEMBERSHIPINTERNAL SECURITY - C

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Source from which obtained Various sources

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for which acquired \_\_\_\_\_

Location of bulky exhibit Files in exhibit section - 5th. floor

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit \_\_\_\_\_

List of contents:

38. Photostatic copy of a letter addressed "To All Districts" regarding the recruiting campaign from Henry Winston. See s. 81.
39. Mimeographed form questionnaire pertaining to activity in CP which ND 426 furnished to SA [redacted] See letter to Bureau 6/10/47.
40. Mimeographed form questionnaire issued by Bedford Club, Bronx Co. CP "to advise their members". See letter dated 6/10/47 to Bureau.
41. Mimeographed form questionnaire pertaining to activity in CP. Submitted by [redacted] which she obtained from West Midtown Club. See letter to Bureau dated 6/10/47.
42. Photostatic copy of map of U.S. showing CP membership by State from "The Shield" Vol. 1, No. 1, July, 1947. Submitted by SA R.S. Garner 6/9/47.
43. Copy of final registration bulletin #18, CP, NY State as of March 31, 1947. See s. 90.
44. Copy of "Instructions for Making Up Membership Report" issued by the CP. See s. 91.
45. Copy of memo entitled "National and State Material to be issued in course of recruiting drive". See s. 95.
46. One page instruction sheet for "Making Up Membership Report" See s. 96.
47. Letter dated 7/10/47, on CP stationary, To All membership Directors outlining recruiting procedure. See s. 99.
48. Two page mimeographed dues report Mid-June 1947 of CP, NY State. See s. 93.

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## BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 9/16/47COMMUNIST PARTY, USAMEMBERSHIP

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Source from which obtained Source indicated

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for which acquired \_\_\_\_\_

Location of bulky exhibit Files in exhibit section - 5th. floor

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit \_\_\_\_\_

List of contents:

49. Dues report, Mid-June 1947, lists counties, members, dues and percent paid. See s. 101.
50. August 5, 1947 letter to All Districts and State Boards re: Month of Sept. Party Building Activities from the Nat. Org. Bureau. See s. 103.
51. Photostatic copy of a letter dated Sept. 4, 1947, which is directed to All Districts Organization Secretaries by the National Organization Dept. of the CP, USA, in New York City. See s. 105.
52. "Draft Plan on Registration" believed issued by NY County CP setting forth proposals to build and consolidate the CP. See s. 109.
53. Three page mimeographed bulletin analyzing the Party Building Drive and several reasons for its failure to meet quotas. See s. 123.
54. Photographic copy of memo entitled "Plan of Work for Membership Directors" See s. 127.
55. One copy of a printed sheet entitled "Instructions For Carrying Through the 1947-48 Party Registration". See s. 125.
56. Lt. dated 1/29/48 from Israel Anter, to all Counties, requesting that records of all disciplinary cases of an important character be sent to the State Review Commission. See s. 132.
57. A penciled records listing what is believed to be the membership of each CP district for 1947. The sixth column is believed to be the membership of Jan. 1, 1948. See s. 134.

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## BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 3-26-48CP, USA,MEMBERSHIP

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent See belowSource from which obtained Source indicated

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for which acquired EvidenceLocation of bulky exhibit Files in exhibit section - 5th floorUltimate disposition to be made of exhibit To be decided at conclusion of case.  
Estimated date of disposition Indeterminate.List of contents:

58. An undated letter mimeographed on CP, USA stationery addressed "To All Districts" from Henry Winston. See s. 135.
59. Two page typewritten report stating that as an answer to requiring every Communist to register, the Party should enroll 14,000 new members by the July Convention. See s. 143.
60. Two page bulletin entitled "Recruiting - 1947". See ser. 142.
61. Open letter dated April 19, 1948 on stationery of CP of NY State from Robert Thompson. See ser. 146.
62. A dues report of the CP, NY State for Nov., Dec., 1947; Jan., Feb., March, April, 1948 listing the organization breakdown as to membership and dues. See s. 156.
63. A typewritten letter dated 7-26-48 on stationery of CP of NY State to  Membership Committee from Bill Norman, Org. Sec'y. See ser 161.
64. A two page Dues Report - 1948 of the CP of NY State, based on reports received through June 22, 1948 listing the Organizations, the membership and dues paid for Jan through June, the 1948 Convention assessments and the 1948 Initiations. Sees. 163

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BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 10-29-48

CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent See below

Source from which obtained Source indicated

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for which acquired Evidence

Location of bulky exhibit Files in exhibit section - 5th floor

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit To be decided at conclusion of case

Estimated date of disposition - Indeterminate

List of contents:

65. Report of the County Membership Dept. obtained at the County Convention of the CP held on 7-9, 10, 11- 1948. Made available to the office by  on 7-13-48. See 100-26603- C 42 - 838. b7D
66. A three page typewritten article entitled "Recommendations on Changes of Transfer Methods." See ser 168.
67. An article of literature entitled, "Party building Drive". It relates the activities and events which the CP plans to use in its membership drive. See ser. 172.
68. Two page letter from Henry Winston for the National Committee - CP, USA - to all Party organizations and members concerning industrial concentration. See ser 175.
69. A one page typewritten list bearing heading "Dues & Recruiting - Oct. & Nov." See ser 176.
70. Two page mimeographed "Dues Report - 1948, CP of New York State (Based on Reports Received through Sept. 30, 1948)". See ser. 178.
71. Handwritten list of registration figures as of Jan. 7th for the various districts in the CP, USA. See ser 179.

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BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 3-9-49

CP. USA. MEMBERSHIP

INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent See below

Source from which obtained Source indicated

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for which acquired evidence

Location of bulky exhibit To be decided at conclusion of case.

Estimated date of disposition Indeterminate

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit To be decided at conclusion of case.

List of contents:

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- 72. Mimeographed copy of a letter, dated 2-14-49, on stationery bearing letterhead "Communist Party of NY State". It is addressed "To the Counties, Dear Comrades" from [redacted] Org. Dept. See ser 185.
- 73. Undated from letter to all clubs from Henry Winston, announcing a drive to bring 5000 industrial workers into the Party. See ser. 186
- 74. Ltr. dated 2-14-49, beginning "To The Counties", from [redacted] Org. Dep't., NY State CP which enclosed a letter by Henry Winston addressed to all clubs of the Party dealing with special industrial recruiting drive scheduled to start 2-25-49 to 5-31-49. See ser. 191.
- 75. Mimeographed bulletin captioned "Organization of Recruiting Drive". See ser. 192.
- 76. One page mimeographed letter to all Districts signed "Comradely yours, Betty Gannett" requesting all statistics on registration to be turned in Jan. 14. See ser. 197.x
- 77. A 2 pg. handwritten undated, unsigned, rough draft of a letter, referring to the difficulties being encountered in accurately recording dues collections, through stamp sales, from the membership. See ser. 199.

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BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 6-8-49

CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent See below

Source from which obtained Source indicated

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for which acquired Evidence

Location of bulky exhibit Files in exhibit section - 5th floor

Estimated date of disposition Indeterminate.

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit To be decided at conclusion of case.

List of contents:

- 78. Memo dated 4/18/49 from Nat'l Org. Dept., CP USA regarding "Foster Party Building Campaign". See ser. 202.
- 79. Three page mimeographed Personnel Biography form of the CP, NY State. See ser. 203.
- 80. One page accounting sheet showing national membership CP USA figures by District to 6-1-48. See ser. 205.
- 81. A printed "Record of Dues Payment" book stating membership is to be recorded by book number only, being listed in strict numerical order, entries to be made when membership books are issued, giving full information such as book #, name of union, month payment being made, "Recruited by" colum being filled out when listing recruit, reasons for removing names from records. See ser. 207.
- 82. A bilingual application card (Spanish and English) for membership in the CP of the U.S. See ser. 209.
- 83. A typewritten moemrandum addressed "To All District Secretaries" regarding "1950 Registration C mpaign". See ser. 214.
- 84. Typewritten letter dated 6-8-49 addressed to Bill Norman (with copy to ) from Jack Kling bearing CP letterhead calling attention to a number of serious problems relating to the dues and Party recruiting. See s. 232.

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BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 1-19-50

CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent See below

Source from which obtained Source indicated

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for which acquired Evidence

Location of bulky exhibit Files in exhibit section- 5th floor

Estimated date of disposition To be retained pending conclusion of case.

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit To be decided at conclusion of case.

List of contents:

- 85. A letter to all District Organization Secretaries from the National Organization Department dtd. Sept. 22, 1949, on 1950 registration. See ser. 236.
- 86. Registration & Dues Statement of CP USA as of 7-1-49. See s. 240.
- 87. Copy of letter dtd. 2-3-50 from Jack Kling, Nat'l. CP membership Director, to Wm. Norman, NY State CP Sec, re registration and dues situation in Dist. #2. Enrolled membership of NY State CP (State) given as 26,512 with registered membership of 20,282 on 76.5%. See ser. 258.
- 88. A circular letter, 2/17/50 addressed to all District Org. Secretaries & closed "Comradely, HENRY WINSTON, relative to the collection of dues payments that are in arrear. See Serial 261
- 89. Carbon copy of letter, 2/28/50, addressed to [redacted] for BILL NORMAN, closing "Comradely, JACK KLING", relative to dues status for NY State. See Serial 260

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BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 12-3-50

CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_ See below \_\_\_\_\_

Source from which obtained \_\_\_\_\_ Source indicated \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for which acquired \_\_\_\_\_ Evidence \_\_\_\_\_

Location of bulky exhibit \_\_\_\_\_ Files in exhibit section- 5th floor

Estimated date of disposition \_\_\_\_\_ To be retained pending conclusion of case.

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit To be decided at conclusion of case.

List of contents:

- 90. A three page mimeographed copy of a letter dtd. 10-23-50, on stationery bearing letterhead "Communist Party, U.S.A.", addressed "To All Districts, Dear Comrades", from "Comradely yours, M. Russo". The letter calls the attention of the various District Boards to important questions that relate to Party Organization. See ser. 285.
- 91. Four pages of figures believed showing membership by districts of the various districts of the CP. See ser. 329.
- 92. List of names referred to as a "revised emergency list". See serial 368.
- 93. Receipt in the amount of \$28.96 dated 11-26-51 which informant received from [redacted] for membership dues of eight CP members. See serial 385.
- 94. 2 copies of a "tabulation sheet" which was located in the former residence of [redacted] See serial 380.
- 95. Mimeographed report entitled "Memo on Registration" which reflects the break down in CP registration for 1942 (probably NY State) See serial 399B.

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile: \_\_\_\_\_ N.Y. \_\_\_\_\_ Field Division

\_\_\_\_\_ 3/28/56 \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Title and Character of Case: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP  
IS - C

Date Property Acquired: SEE BELOW

Source From Which Property Acquired: SEE BELOW

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: BASEMENT

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION  
DISPOSITION: PERMANENT

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: SEE BELOW

103. Membership record cards. Rec'd. 1/26/56 from [redacted] Subm. by SA R.H. Blasser on 3/28/56. See ser 1024. *rw*

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*E. Wilson*

BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile:                     N.Y.                     Field Division

                    5/17/56                     Date

Title and Character of Case: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP  
IS - C

Date Property Acquired: SEE BELOW

Source From Which Property Acquired: SEE BELOW

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: BASEMENT

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION  
DISPOSITION: PERMANENT

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: SEE BELOW

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104. Photostat of Membership Report for Bill Section. Rec'd. 4/18/56 from   
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105. 10/22/57. Printed letter (undated) issued by NY State CP welcoming new members.  
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106. 10/22/57. Mimeographed sheet re Recruiting & Registration Objectives of NY State  
CP by 12/31/46. Rec'd 11/25/46 by SA R.S. GARNER.

107. 10/22/57. Printed letter dated 11/3/46 issued by CPUSA urging regristration of all  
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108. 1/20/58. Mimeo 7 page: Questions and Answer on Registration and Party Building by  
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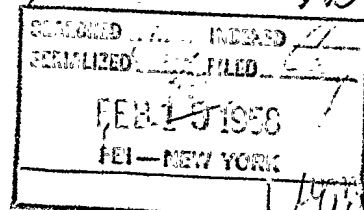
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112. 1/17/61. Letter to all districts enclosing tabulation sheet for CP registration. Rec'd 1/11/61 by SA J. A. HAAG. cag
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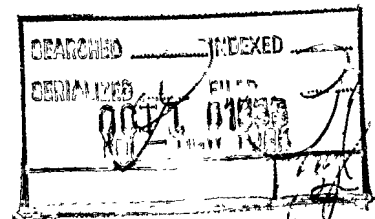
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- 115. 10/10/63. Photostat of 9 p. publication issued by John Williamson containing important material for Nat'l Committee members. See Ser. 18.
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  - 117. " Dues rpt of NYSCP as of 9/30/46. Obt. from trash cover of Queens Co. CP Hdq., on 10/17/46. Subm. by SA R.S. GARNER.
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  - 119. " Draft plan on 1947 registration issued by NYSCP.
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  - 121. " Special bulletin on activizing & educating our new members (NYSCP). Obt. from trash cover on Queens Co. Cp. Subm. by SA R.S. GARNER on 11/22/46.
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- 123. 10/25/63. Memo by Phil Bart re Dues & Membership given to CPUSA Nat'l Office people before they visit CPISA districts. Rec'd 10/22/63 by SA J.A. FAAG. pms
  - 124. 12/6/63. Dues & membership figures of CPUSA.
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- 126. 8/23/65. Rough draft of letter by [redacted] Re: CPUSA dues payments. Bureau and all offices advised 7/16/65 by airtel. Rec'd 7/16/65 by SA J.A. HAAG. TC
- 127. 5/10/73 One photographic copy of the outside and inside of a "Membership Book" issued by the CPUSA for 1973. Rec'd 3/1/73 by SA [redacted] See serial [redacted] lhk
- 128 5/17/77 Cover of 1977-1978 CPUSA Membership Bank-in book in color and xerox reproduction of inside. See Serial 2598. Rec'd on 5/9/77 by SA [redacted]

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# Communists Strive To Get Key Workers

# U. S. Communists Push Drive For 10,000 Recruits in State

By FREDERICK WOLTMAN,  
World-Telegram Staff Writer.

In a highly-revealing, secret directive, issued only to its key personnel, the Communist party has ordered an intensive recruiting drive, concentrated chiefly on the workers in New York's basic industries and based on the old-time revolutionary slogans: "the overthrow of the bourgeois rule" and the destruction of "the capitalist class."

The eight-page, inner-party document specifically names the American Labor party, alone among organizations, as a focal point in the campaign. And it designates the May Day parade, revived last week by a disguised AFL-CIO Provisional May Day Committee, as "a high point in the Party Building Drive."

So carefully is the plan set forth that fixed quotas are set, by counties in New York City, by trade unions, both AFL and CIO, and even by racial and national groups.

### The Lineup by Groups.

Thus, the lineup "by national groups" goes: "Negroes, 15 per cent; Italians, 5 per cent; Irish, 1 per cent."

The mimeographed directive, an original copy of which the World-Telegram obtained today, is entitled: "10,000 New Communists by June 15th." It is issued in the name of the "Education Dept., Communist party, New York State" and throughout quotes liberally from William Z. Foster, national Communist chairman, as the authority for each step in the campaign.

The national goal is set at 10,000. "But of this amount," it states, "we want in New York 3,000 new workers, so as to strengthen the working class industrial composition of the party. Specifically, we want in the first place large numbers of longshore-

men, transport workers, railroad, metal, teamsters, auto, electricians. . . ."

Another objective reads: "Out of the overall recruiting, to strive to recruit 2500 returned veterans."

Moreover, it specifies localities thus: "Building the Communist party in the industrial communities of our state, the concentration points to be: Buffalo, Schenectady, upstate generally; Red Hook, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Chelsea, Harlem, Jamaica, Astoria, South Bronx."

As one source of members, it suggests: "House parties for contacts and sympathizers, with a speaker on the party."

Under the section headed "Why do we concentrate on industrial workers?" it quotes a solemn rebuke from the party's leader, Mr. Foster:

"The Communist party is the party of the working class, and in the first line, of the workers in basic industries. We simply must strengthen our party among

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these key workers. . . . At present it is nothing short of a scandal, our weakness in many big plants and industries.

"During recent visits to a number of districts I have seen various places where, in spite of very favorable circumstances, we have only handfuls of members in huge and important industries.

"In such cases the neglect of party building is so obvious that one is almost impelled to ask the local comrades how they managed to keep the workers out of the party."

### Conditions Called Ripe.

Under the heading, "The conditions are ripe . . ." it goes on: "While the conditions of growth are not the same as in France or Italy, China or Brazil, they are nevertheless very favorable. This must be emphasized and notions

that Americans are 'too well off' and 'do not want Socialism' and are 'naturally individualist' and such nonsense, must be rejected."

As evidence the directive cites "the fighting spirit of the workers, their militancy and vast, strike battles. . . ."

Quoting again from Foster: "We must rekindle our members' hatred for capitalist exploitation and oppression. . . ."

Question: "Why does our country need a strong Communist party?" Answer: "Because only the Communist party has the correct solution to the problems of our country."

### Seek 8075 in City.

The New York Metropolitan Area is to supply 8075 out of the state's 10,000, with the local county breakdown: New York, 2500; Kings, 2500; Bronx, 1500; Queens, 750; Richmond, 25.

The AFL is to supply 950 of the new members, including 150 from Longshore, 200 from Garment and Millinery Workers, 300 from Food and Building Service, 100 from Painters, 75 from Building trades and 25 from Printers.

The CIO goal runs higher—1235. It includes Fur, 300; Marine, 200; Warehouse, 200; Metal, 300; Transportation, 100; Men's Clothing, 50; Furniture, 100 and Communications, 30.

### Browder Policy Hit.

Earl Browder's "anti-Leninist policy" is blamed for "reducing the Communist party to a talking machine."

And, as a guide to over-all strategy for the projected campaign, the directive dusts off Lenin's "State and Revolution:"

"Only the proletariat . . . is capable of leading all the toiling and exploited masses, who are exploited, oppressed and crushed by the bourgeoisie . . . the overthrow of the bourgeois rule can be accomplished only by the proletariat. . . . While the capitalist class breaks up and antagonizes the peasantry and all the petty bourgeois strata, it welds together, unites and organizes a city proletariat."

Comes the revolution!

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On April 25, 1946, [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that [redacted] told a [redacted] of "Fortune" magazine that "the figure is 70,000".

[redacted] noted that this figure reflected quite an increase and [redacted] agreed.

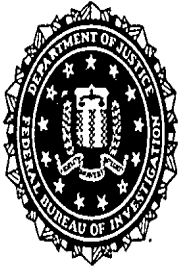
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On February 15, 1946, [redacted] advised that  
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# 6,000 Join the Communist Party

Six thousand Americans have joined the Communist Party within the past five weeks as the Party's recruiting campaign began to step up its pace, the national office of the Party announced.

Within the past week, nearly 1,000 American workers decided to take their place within the Communist movement, the organization of their own class.

These figures are seen as a courageous defiance of the red-baiters and their press by men and women who are ready to defend the welfare of their class and their country against the trusts and reactionaries.

Colorado and Texas have leaped forward in their recruiting, the national office of the Communist Party stated, the first now being third and Texas second



among the states. Alabama has already exceeded its quota. Eastern Pennsylvania is making good progress.

A number of states are looking forward to celebrating May Day with substantial recruits, the national office announced.

Especially significant were the announcements that a number of workers active in recent strikes for better wages, in such industries as packing and steel, have joined the Party. The active support Communists gave to the workers hard-pressed by the corporations resulted in winning many new friends for the Party, the national office said.

The drive to build a large Communist Party dedicated to fighting for the people is growing. More boldness in approaching workers will swell the figures.

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# Militant Workers

## -- Good Communists

Many Communists have expressed a certain reluctance to recruit new members for fear that these recruits will not be integrated into the Party, but lost almost as quickly as they came in. Others, decry the "loose" and "ineffectual" recruiting of the past. They point to the experiences of 1943 and 1944 when large numbers entered the Party on the basis of our immediate policies, were never explained the obligations of Communist membership, the role and function of the Communist Party, and as a result were never involved in club life, remaining mere names on membership rolls. They want to avoid "these mistakes of the past."

The comrades say we will recruit only on a selective basis, one by one. We will take into the Party workers who know something about our organization, have adopted Communist viewpoints, and will therefore stay in the Party. We must be sure of every person we recruit, they argue.

In actuality, and unintentionally, this concept has brought the opposite results. For in many quarters such selectivity was transformed into no recruiting activities.

The central emphasis in the present National Party Building Campaign is quality—winning the militant and advanced workers in the shops and industries, in the communities and organizations, for our Party. That is as it should be. The Communist Party, as the vanguard of the working class, embraces the most class conscious, loyal and courageous elements in the working class. Today, there are literally tens of thousands of such workers, Negro and white—workers who stand out as consistent fighters in their unions, among the people in the communities, and in numerous mass organizations.

### NOT ISOLATED INDIVIDUALS

Today, such workers are not some isolated individuals here or there, in this or that shop. Such workers are found in ever larger numbers among the broad active core in the shops and unions, in the communities, in the organizations. Here we are not discussing the thousands

who read our press, attend many of our rallies, or cooperate with Communists in many activities.

We are speaking of active militant workers, who over the years have consistently fought for the interests of their fellow-unionists, for anti-fascist policies, and who as a result have begun to seriously question as to whether the problems of the working class can be solved under conditions of capitalism. These workers belong in our Party. And, they can be brought into our ranks if only we would talk to them, meet with them to discuss the issues of the day, show them how our Party provides an answer to their many questions.

Every effort will be made to draw in these new members into Communist activities and thus help to educate them in the spirit of the principles and program of our Party. Of course, they will come into clubs that do not yet function smoothly and effectively, but nevertheless clubs imbued with a new consciousness, a new responsibility, a new understanding.

### LEARN INSIDE PARTY

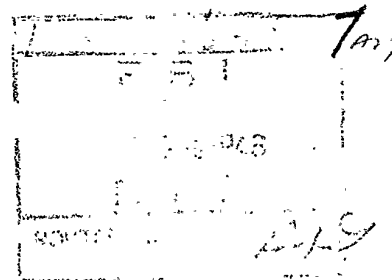
To expect that the new member will from the outset be a full-fledged Marxist is to expect the impossible. Workers become Communists inside the Communist Party. Rather than placing barriers in the way of workers joining our Party, we must open the doors a little wider to allow room for the innumerable thousands of honest militant workers who today must be brought into the Party if we are to fulfill the obligations that rest on our shoulders.

The conditions for membership must be those contained in our Constitution. Any worker whose honesty cannot be questioned can join our Party if he accepts our program, dues, will attend club meetings and is ready to carry through activity in behalf of the program.

Stalin in 1937 defined the concept

of membership as follows:

"We have Lenin's thoroughly tried and tasted formula defining a member of the Party. According to this formula a member of the Party is one who accepts the program of the Party, pays membership dues and works in one of its organizations. Please note: Lenin's formula does not speak about mastering the program but about accepting the program. . . . If the Party had proceeded from the assumption that only those comrades who have mastered the program have become theoretically trained Marxists could be members of the Party it would have not created thousands of Party circles, hundreds of Party schools where the



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members of the Party are taught Marxism and where they are assisted to master our program. . . ."

Knowledge of the Party program is gained through Party membership in the process of Communist work, study, participation in the working out of Communist policies. It is our duty and responsibility to help the new members to become Communists. It is our duty and responsibility to help create an atmosphere in our clubs which will develop the consciousness, the desire, the enthusiasm for greater Communist effort and activity. It is not our duty and responsibility to keep workers out of the Party on the grounds that "they are not ready," because we set such stand-

ards as are attainable only inside the Communist Party.

The need for our Party is greater than ever before. In the words of Comrade Foster "To solve the difficult problems now confronting them the workers of this country, our whole nation in fact, have an imperative need for a powerful Communist Party. . . . We must saturate our whole Party and all our activities with this conception of building the Party as an imperative political task."

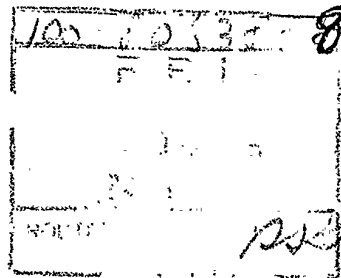
The time to build the Party is now. Time does not wait. Let each and everyone of us leave no stone unturned to build and strengthen our Party during the remaining weeks of the campaign.

**State CP Heads to  
Be Recruiters' Hosts**

Hosts to the Brigade 500 dinner for active Communist recruiters will be Robert Thompson, William Norman and Israel Amter, secretariat members of the New York State Communist Party.

The dinner, on May 10 at Club 65, 13 Astor Pl., will honor Communists who have recruited three or more members into the Party.

A large contingent of Communist seamen, members of the top industrial recruiting group, the CP seamen's section will be on hand.



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# 7,000 Join Communist Party

1,000 HOUSE GATHERINGS AT END OF MAY  
PROPOSED TO RECRUIT 5,000 AS DRIVE CLIMAX

We enter the last month of the National Party Building Campaign. The first six weeks brought in nearly 7,000 new members. The majority of the new recruits come from in-

dustry, with the maritime workers making the best showing. Included also are large numbers of steel, auto, electrical and packinghouse workers, as well as workers from other heavy and light industries. Particularly significant has been the recruiting in the South, which will readily double its membership in the present drive.

These are good results—results of which we can well be proud. But these results are only a mere beginning.

There are tens of thousands of workers throughout the country ready to join the party now. They can be brought into our party if we boldly explain our fighting program, which meets every pressing problem



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confronting the working class, our people and the nation. They can be brought into our party if our Communist clubs greatly expand their mass activities around such issues as the struggle for peace, OPA, housing, Negro rights and numerous other problems. They can be brought into our party if we reach these workers, speak to them, convince them to join. The present mood of the workers and the confidence that they have in the party was demonstrated in the great N. Y. May Day parade.

## A MONTH OF BUILDING

May must become a month of accelerated and planned party building. During this month we must guarantee the maximum mobilization of every Communist, old and new, to participate actively in the recruiting of additional thousands of militant and fighting workers from the shops, industries and

unions, from the communities and mass organizations.

Every individual Communist should immediately select one non-Communist to be recruited into the party during May.

Every Communist club should plan its activity on a week-to-week basis, with definite objectives set for each week, and with the work organized to assure the results.

Every Communist trade unionist should immediately be involved in visiting fellow trade unionists and shopmates who can be recruited into the party.

Every Communist veteran should help to reach other veterans, climaxing such activities at dramatic Memorial Day meetings in every city and locality.

Every Communist of New York State has to work with the greatest energy and determination to overcome the present lag in recruiting, to fulfill the objectives set by the clubs, sections and counties. There are great possibilities for the party growing among the workers in all industries, especially among

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the Negro people, where our party enjoys great prestige and a large following.

As a culmination of these day-to-day activities to be carried through in May, we propose the organization of 1,000 house gatherings during the weekend of May 24, 25 and 26, at which we shall strive to recruit 5,000 new members.

We are confident that every Communist club in the community, shop and industry can organize at least one or two such house gatherings to which they bring 10 to 20 non-Communist workers. We are confident that, in addition, many individual Communist shop workers and trade unionists can invite three, four and five non-Communists to their homes during this weekend for a discussion on the role and program of our party. Such informal house gatherings, which discuss in detail every question of Communist policy and organization, can convince the majority in attendance to join our party.

We urge that the organization of these house gatherings be set under way immediately.

If these activities are carried through, we will emerge from the

present Party Building Campaign greatly strengthened, capable of performing with effectiveness and confidence our responsibilities to the American working class and people. Let us get to work with renewed determination and enthusiasm to build a more effective, more powerful Communist Party in the United States.

National Board, Communist Party, U.S.A.

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

# One-Fifth of New CP Members Are Veterans

By MAX GORDON

More than a fifth of the 3,000 members who joined the Communist Party in New York state during the current membership drive are veterans and about a quarter are

Negro, according to a report yesterday to the New York State Committee delivered by Norman Ross, head of the Buffalo sub-district of the party.

Ross made the report on behalf of the State Board.

[Communists who have signed up three members or more in the current drive will be guests of the State Committee at a dinner at Club 65, 13 Astor Place, May 10.

The dinner will be one of the major events of the Communist recruiting drive in the state.]

The full committee is meeting in a two-day session which will also discuss the fight for peace and the coming congressional elections.

While considerable headway has been made in building the party in certain main industries, Ross told the state committee, the rate of recruiting was entirely too slow. The ten-weeks drive period, which started March 1, is at the 70 percent mark in time but only 30 percent of the 10,000 goal in members has been reached.

He recommended the entire state committee go to the branches and sections and step up the rate of building to ensure at least a thousand new members a week for the next four weeks. After that, he said, it would be necessary to evaluate the drive to determine whether it should be extended.

## COMPETITION

Competition was introduced for the first time in the drive when George Blake, New York County Chairman challenged the Kings County organization to complete its quota first. The challenge was immediately accepted by Carl Pedro, secretary of the Brooklyn County Committee.

Manhattan has thus far gained 1,016 members out of a quota of 3,800, or 26.4 percent and Brooklyn has recruited 825 out of a quota of 2,740, or 30 percent.

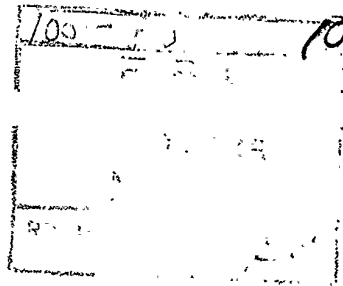
Harold Klein, newly-chosen head of the Capital District organization, challenged James Barker of Nassau County to similar competition and Barker accepted the challenge. Both have quotas of 100. Nassau leads with 59 new members thus far to 33 for the Capital District, which

includes the key Schenectady area.

Several speakers, including Ross, noted that the recent powerful May Day demonstration had greatly increased the confidence of the workers that the Communist Party is leading the fight for peace and their economic interests. This recognition, it was emphasized, has prepared the way for large scale building of the party among the industrial workers.

From 60 to 65 percent of the shops in the International Ladies Garment Workers Union stopped work on May Day in defiance of the national leadership, Fanny Golos, a leader of the ILGWU section of the party, reported.

The meeting registered considerable gains in reorganizing the party on a shop and industrial basis. Recruiting by these new shop and industrial groups was however considered entirely too slow.



# SOUTH'S 73% LEADS DRIVE, ALABAMA SHOOTS AT 200%

A total of 8,950 new Communists. That is the overall result of the first eight weeks in the Communist Party National Party Building campaign.

The Southern districts continue to lead the entire country. Having recruited 733 new members or 73 percent of their collective objective of 1,000 which will double the membership of the reconstituted Communist Party in the Southern states, they will end up the campaign with their goal more than achieved.

Alabama reports the fulfillment of its second objective. In a period of a few weeks the Alabama Communist Party reached its original goal of 150. They took an additional 100. Today the report has arrived saying: "Reached 252 last night. Trying to make 300 by June 1." And they will.

Among all other districts California has shown the steadfast climb upwards. While no report has been received for the past week, the series of May Day celebrations with Elizabeth Gurley Flynn brought them to the 50 percent mark and the Californians feel confident they can make their goal of 2,000. New York showed a slight spurt forward in the past week recruiting nearly 600 members. Missouri which was lagging at first is now among the first five districts.

Some districts however, seem to be almost at a standstill: Western Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Wisconsin, New England, Nebraska and several others. The Communist Party of Michigan, which collected over 20,000 signatures to place the Party on the ballot, is determined to utilize the thousands of new friends won during this campaign to accelerate its recruiting activities in the weeks ahead.

All Communist state organizations are gearing their activities to the weekend of May 24, 25 and 26 when 1,000 house gatherings will be held throughout the country. New York is planning some 400 such recruiting gatherings, Illinois 75, California 125, New Jersey 50, and so on in every state. These house gatherings now being prepared aim to recruit some 5,000 new members.

The week of May 27th to 31st will see the organization of special memorial services to honor the Communist dead—the hundreds of men who have given their lives in World War II. A special feature of these commemorations will be the enrollment of veterans into the Communist Party.

## SCORE BOARD

Alabama	252	168%
Texas	231	92%
Colorado	80	64%
Oklahoma	61	61%
Missouri	132	53%
Louisiana	78	52%
California	1,000	50%
Northwest	363	48%
Connecticut	115	46%
Ohio	450	45%
Florida	67	44%
New England	176	44%
New Jersey	284	37%
Michigan	219	37%
Illinois	701	35%
New York	3,407	34%
Nebraska	16	32%
Indiana	70	31%
Eastern Penna.	400	32%
Wisconsin	62	30%
Virginia	44	29%
Western Penna.	107	23%
Maryland	92	20%
Minnesota	81	16%
West Virginia	19	14%
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# CP Growth Aids Fight on War

By Max Gordon

THE current membership drive of the Communist Party is getting quite a bit of attention in press and political circles, perhaps more than any similar drive in the past.

It has been the subject of articles, columns and editorial comment in the Hearst press, the Scripps-Howard newspapers, the New York Post and other publications.

It has been discussed among non-Communists and anti-Communists in top labor circles. I have no doubt it is being watched carefully by the White House and other government circles. All these groups realize that the success of the drive will have political effects far beyond the actual number of people enrolled.

It will be a sign to them that the party's opposition to the imperialist drive of American monopoly capital is getting a response from the people, and that the party's battle against that drive will be greatly reinforced.

MOST prominently mentioned by commentators has been the industrial phase of the drive, the recruiting of shop workers. The reason is fairly obvious. The greater the strength of the party among the trade unions, the greater the political awareness of the labor movement and the more independent it is likely to be politically.

It is the political awareness, activity and effectiveness of labor, its growth as an inde-



pendent force capable of rallying millions of Americans to its platform, that reaction fears most in America today. And an increase in Communist strength within the labor movement means a more potent working class.

But since the Communists aim to promote greater unity between the working class and its natural allies—the Negroes, vets, farmers, white-collar workers, professionals, small businessmen—recruiting among those groups is also being watched.

If there is more interest in the drive now than ever before, it is because the more farsighted of the organs of capital are jittery about the ability of capitalist society to avert an economic crash greater than any in its history. They know such a crash will set in motion political currents among the American people the end of which cannot be foreseen.

They note what is happening in Europe, including England, and they realize that a politically strong and conscious working class can prevent them from placing the burden of the crash on the people, as has been their custom. It can also prevent them from adopting the usual adventurist tactics abroad and repressive measures at home as a means of minimizing for themselves the economic and political effects of their crisis.

Hence their concern with the growth of the Communist movement.

WHILE the drive has made headway, it has not gone as well as it should.

From observation, I am convinced it is not because the people are less ready to join the party than was estimated, but that organization of the drive is a good deal weaker than in the past.

The party's revisionist period greatly weakened the community clubs' apparatus and isolated the clubs from the people. Many clubs today have inexperienced leaders who have never planned drives before. And there are not the broad community movements legislative and otherwise, that once existed in the communities.

Both of these factors are having their effect. The organization factor can be overcome at once, during the period of the drive. The other factor is a longer-range problem but needs to be tackled right away.

The purpose of a drive is to get every member consciously to think in terms of developing contacts for the party and of getting after those contacts systematically. If this were done on an all-year-round basis, there would be no need for a drive. But it is not.

When a club, for instance, sets as its goal 30 members, it means that the club member will at the very beginning of the drive undertake to prepare 30 people for party membership. If they have some contacts already an effort will be made to bring them in. But at the outset of the drive, that club should know what members will bring those 30 people in as a result of conscious, planned effort.

This has not been the case in some clubs I have seen. These clubs relied on spontaneity not on planned, conscious effort. They had no idea where the new members would come from. They had little more than a pious hope they would come at all. Needless to say, they did not come.

More planning by the clubs would have gotten better results. In the remaining week of the drive, much of this weakness can be overcome.

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**N. Y. State Hits Stride:**

# 600 Sign Up in Week; Recruiters Tell How

Communist Party recruiting in New York State jumped to 600 last week, the highest one-week figure since the drive for 20,000 new members was initiated, William Norman, state organizational secretary, reported yesterday. The top figure previously had been 380.

Part of the story behind the 600 signups was told Friday night at a dinner for ace recruiters held by the New York State Committee at Club 65, 13 Astor Pl.

There 175, who had signed up three or more for the party, enjoyed a dinner as guests of the committee, then swapped stories about how they helped build the party membership.

Young and old; Negro and white, housewives and active unionists, their stories sparkled with variety but two items were so common to the lot as to recommend them to the attention of would-be party builders. They all said:

1. People know I'm a Communist. That makes it easier for me to recruit.

2. I sell the Daily Worker regularly. It's my readers that join.

## ATOMIC ENERGY

Both may sound familiar but, revealed in the setting of experience that added over 600 new members to the party's rolls through the activities of a relatively small number of people—you can see that there's atomic energy concealed there.

Take it from Hattie Lewis, a housewife from the Chelesa Club, who copped all honors at the recruiters' dinner, leading the list with 29 new members to her credit.

A one-woman concentration club, she tells her secret:

"Rain or shine, I sell the Daily Worker regularly near meat packing plants in the forties.

"People buy the paper regularly. After a while, I ask them if they want to know something about the Communist Party. Usually they do. If they invite me, I arrange to visit them at home and explain our program. That's how 29, mostly meat-packing workers and all Negroes, signed up."

## SIGNS HIS GROCER

James Weiss of Flatbush, a member of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers, told how he recruited nine, eight of them from the Columbia Machine Works, Brooklyn, where he works as a tool and die inspector.

"I work openly as a Communist. You have to work that way to recruit. People sign up on the basis of struggles in the shop, struggles against layoffs, for maintenance of

OPA against war and for protection of living standards. I sold 32 Worker subs in the shop. My recruits came from among the readers."

Weiss' ninth recruit, a clerk in his neighborhood grocery, got curious about the party after Weiss pitched in at a difficult moment and helped explain to irate customers why butter was rare as rajah's rubies.

Osebir Albertus, a Negro seaman, told of recruiting 19:

"I've been going to sea for years," he related. "I always explain to my shipmates about the Daily Worker. They read it. Then I sign them up. It's as easy as that."

## RESULTS BY MAIL

Norman Sternbach told a little about how the student section of the party had recruited 130 so far of its quota of 200. He's signed up five himself.

"We let the students know there are Communists in the school," he said. "We let them who know we are. Then people come up to us, ask us questions and some ask outright if they can join."

Irwin Kleiner, membership director of the student section, told the Daily Worker later in the evening that when leaflets were issued asking those interested in the party to write, over 100 replies were received and 10 asked then and there if they might join.

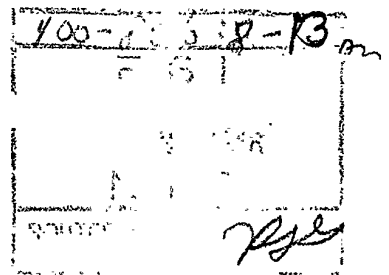
Not all the ace recruiters reported signups as easy as that.

Eleven signed up as the result of hard, day-to-day activities helping pickets at the 14-week-old Phelps Dodge Co. strike in Queens.

They saw Communists in action, raising funds, helping collect food, on the picket line, selling the Daily Worker. One housewife, on duty there regularly, recruited seven of the new members herself.

Lennie Mendoza of the Bronx, a member of Wholesale & Warehouse Workers Local 65, told of extensive communities activities which brought him in contact with hundreds of workers, helped him recruit 14.

Robert Thompson, party state chairman, one of several state leaders who heard the recruiters' reports, warmly praised their achievements, compared them to Stakhonovites who set the production pace in the Soviet Union, and called upon them to keep up the good work. Recruiters said they would.



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# Industrial Workers Majority Among Nearly 8,000 New Communists

The National Party Building Campaign of the Communist Party is finding warm response among the advanced workers in the industries and communities, particularly among the active militant workers in the basic industries. Announcing

that nearly 8,000 new members have come into the Communist Party during the past seven weeks, John Williamson, member of the National Secretariat in charge of organization, stressed the splendid composition of the new recruits.

The overall national picture, he pointed out, shows that more than 55 percent of the new recruits are industrial workers, from practically every industry in the country. Of this total, over 60 percent come from basic industries, including auto, lumber, coal, railroad, steel, packing, metal and electrical. The majority of these new members actively participated in the many strike struggles that have taken place, in activities in defense of price control and OPA, in defense of the Negro victims of Columbia, Tennessee, Freeport, L. I., and in

numerous other struggles.

A large number are young veterans who distinguished themselves on the fighting fronts, and who have only recently returned to industry. A good percentage are young men and women who have joined the Communist Party to learn how to fight more effectively against the threat of a new war.

Williamson expects to see a greatly accelerated tempo in Communist recruiting this month, to culminate in 1,000 house parties throughout the country over the week-end of May 24, 25, 26, and in special veteran activities during the week of Memorial Day. Industrial and shop clubs in all localities are planning activities during this period which will bring in many additional thousands of active shop workers and trade unionists.

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# N. Y. Communist Recruiters Good, But Too Few

## 3,000 New Communists Show All-Out Drive Can Fill Goal

By WILLIAM C. KELLY

New York State has recruited 3,000 new Communist Party members during the first seven weeks of the national recruiting drive, William Norman, New York State Organizational Secretary, reported yesterday.

Norman said in an interview at his office at 35 E. 12 St. that if the state is to achieve its goal of 10,000 new members by June 15, more members must participate.

"A comparative handful of Party members has been involved so far in the recruiting campaign," he said, "and it is now necessary for the vast majority of members to pitch in and complete the drive successfully."

### LETHARGY VANISHING

Norman pointed out that in spite of the lag in the recruiting campaign the Communist clubs throughout the state have greatly increased their activity in the people's struggles recently and on this basis he saw assurances that the drive itself would attain its goal.

"The lethargy of the previous Browder revisionism is being successfully overcome week by week," he said, "and our Party clubs are well on their way to constituting a real Marxist party."

"The figure 3,000 means that only 30 percent of the goal has been achieved with the campaign about half over," Norman continued. "But we can go through to our objective by getting broader participation in the campaign."

In one section, he said, 60 new members were recruited, but 50 of these were recruited by one club.

### RESULTS IN TOUGH AREAS

"Another reason we know the drive can attain its full quota" declared Norman, "is because some of our best results have been where our progress was previously most difficult. Among the longshoremens we have more recruits in the past six weeks than in many years previously."

Norman said that the success of recruiting among the longshoremens indicated the general favorable possibilities for recruiting when such activities are carefully planned, forces assigned, concentration branches set up, and a spirit of consciousness created regarding the significance of the task.

### STEEL WORKERS

A great many steel workers joined the Communist Party in the course of the drive thus far, Norman reported, and some strides have been made among the railroad workers, teamsters, and H.G.W.U.

Norman said that the neighborhood clubs had recruited an average of 45 percent industrial workers. He reported that 22 percent of the goal of 1,500 Negroes had been achieved. A slow start was reported in the main areas of Negro population, Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant, but latest reports from Harlem indicate a good change.

A goal of 2,500 recruits from the returned veterans has been 22 percent achieved, Norman said. He added that this was in the course of general activity rather than as a result of activities among veterans.

### NEW CLUBS

"There has not been adequate attention to building the Party in new clubs in industrial communities," Norman reported, and this has caused a weakness in shop and industrial recruiting.

Of the total of 2,514 new members recruited in the first six weeks, the Buffalo district recruited 166 against a quota of 400 or 41 percent, and the Albany district 31 against a quota of 100.

Bronx County recruited 434 new members against a goal of 1,500, or 29 percent; Kings County 751 out of 2,850, 26 percent; New York County 847 of 3,800, 22 percent; and Queens County 172 of a goal of 825, or 21 percent.

"What is needed now to put the recruiting drive over," said Norman, "is a consciousness and understanding on the part of all our members of the need for a strong Communist Party at this historical moment."

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### QUALIFICATIONS

Norman said that another reason for the lag in recruiting is the lack of clarity regarding eligibility for membership. Prospects do not have to be Marxists before they are accepted as members, he said, but one must agree with the goals of the Communist Party.

"The ties of the clubs with the people in the neighborhoods," Norman continued, "are not yet fully cemented. In the main, the clubs are just beginning to work and make new friends and sympathizers."

"In recent struggles in which the Party has participated, such as the strikes, the campaign against American Imperialist Intervention in China, the struggle for peace, and for OPA, our Party has been closely tied with the people. However, our clubs must begin to go beyond the

agitation and propaganda stage and begin to link the major political questions with bread and butter issues facing workers in the neighborhoods."

Norman submitted the following program for the last half of the drive:

Now that one of the most successful May Days in the history of the country is over, let us bend all our efforts toward the accomplishing of our objective of 100,000 new Communists in New York State.

• Every branch membership meeting and every branch executive committee should review its work

thus far and take all necessary steps to accomplish its objectives.

• Every branch should make concrete plans for recruiting four new members per week until the end of the drive.

• Visit all members who are not attending meetings or participating in the drive to involve every Party member in the work of achieving our goals.

The following steps have been organized in order to help every branch meet its obligations:

• Party Builders' Dinner Friday at Club 65, 13 Astor Place for all members who have recruited three

persons. These members will be honored guests of the State Board of the Party.

• Organize SAVE OPA RALLIES in all sections.

• Organize a minimum of 400 house parties during the week end of May 23, 24, 25 and recruit three people at each of these parties.

• Set aside the week of May 27 for community rallies in honor of our comrades who fell during the war. These meetings can show the Communists during the war and the communities the glorious record of our present-day role of the Communists in the struggle against war



# THREE-RECRUIT BRIGADERS TO TELL HOW FRIDAY NIGHT

By JOHN MELDON

Have you recruited three or more new members into the Communist Party during the current building campaign? If you have, you are eligible to attend a buffet dinner and highly instructive evening on Friday, 8 p.m., at Club 65 at 13 Astor Pl.

Sponsored by the New York State Committee of the Communist Party, the dinner will be presided over as hosts by Robert Thompson, CP state chairman; Israel Amter and William Norman, members of the state secretariat.

However—and this is an important item the state CP leaders want known—the bulk of speech-making that evening will be done by the brigadiers—the members of the party who have brought three members into the ranks. The party's state leadership is more concerned with hearing the men and women who have done the recruiting; tell how they accomplished it

than anything else that will be said that night.

"We have 7,000 more members to recruit in the state before we reach our quota of 10,000," Thompson said yesterday. "The lessons in recruiting to be learned from those who have brought in three new members will be invaluable to every party member. We also would like to hear proposals as to how new members can be thoroughly assimilated and made active."

Among those who will be honored for their accomplishments will be comrades like Sol Kitain, of the CIO Furniture Workers, and Fred Erick Myers, of the National Maritime Union, both of whom have recruited in minor astronomical figures. All told, several hundred "three-and-more" brigadiers are expected to attend.

So, if you have not yet obtained that magic number of three new members, you still have an opportunity to do so and become an honored guest of the New York State Committee.

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# 10,000 New Communists Recruited

## CP NATIONAL BOARD URGES FILLING QUOTAS BY JUNE 18

The National Board of the Communist Party yesterday announced that 10,000 new members had been recruited into the Party during the current campaign, and urged a completion of the national quota by June 18.

Meanwhile, the board called upon party members to obtain 12,000 renewals or subscriptions to *The Worker* and complete the Fund Drive during June.

The letter, signed by William Z. Foster and John Williamson on behalf of the National Board read:

"To All Party Members, Clubs & Committees.

"Dear Comrades:

"The final results of the Party Building Campaign will be announced by the National Board on June 18, the anniversary of the National Committee meeting which repudiated Browder revisionism and decided to reconstitute the C. P. as the Marxist vanguard political Party of the working class. While nationally the Party Building Campaign will be concluded on this date, individual districts may, if they so desire, continue their own campaign until a later date, and Clubs are urged to continue systematic recruiting as an everyday Communist activity.

### SOUTH SETS EXAMPLE

"To date, some 10,000 new members have been added to our ranks. The Southern districts have set a splendid example for the entire Party in their recruiting activities. We feel that as a result of intensified recruiting efforts in the course of developing our mass work (struggle for peace, unionization activities, defense of wage demands, defense of the rights of the Negro people particularly around Columbia and Freeport, maintenance of price control, and defeat of all anti-labor legislation, etc.) many more thousands of new members, especially from the concentration industries and cities, will come into our Party before June 18.

"We want to urge especially adequate organization of the 1,000 house gatherings on the week-end of May 24, 25, 26, and of the memorial meetings for our fallen Communists in World War II on Memorial Day. We want to urge, furthermore, the completing of all plans for the organization of the new shop and industrial branches, as well as of community clubs in new areas and towns.

"When the Party Building Campaign was launched on March 15, we stressed the following main point:

"The success of the campaign in any district will be judged in the first place on the realization of the concentration goals aimed at improving and changing the industrial composition of the Party.

"In examining the recruiting results nationally, we find that 57 percent of the new members are industrial workers, and 35 percent come from basic industries. Many districts have made even greater headway, averaging 75 percent industrial composition and 55 percent from basic industry. This is fine progress and in line with our central emphasis in this campaign.

"If the national average is to be improved, it is necessary for New York, New England, California and Maryland to improve further the quality of their recruiting. We are so happy to report that we have already exceeded our objectives in key industries as maritime work-

ing, railroad, and food and tobacco. In the remaining weeks we should strive to secure similar results in automobile, steel, coal, rubber, electrical and lumber, and generally among the AFL workers.

"During the month of June, parallel with the activities to complete the recruiting campaign, we request the entire Party to direct attention to some of the following aspects of our Party Building campaign:

### DUES PAYMENTS

1. To adopt measures that will guarantee an immediate increase in dues payments, bringing every member into good standing. We call your attention to our Constitution (Art. III, Sec. 4) which declares:

"Party members three months in arrears in payment of dues cease to be members in good standing and shall be so informed."

This places an obligation on every club to visit all members in arrears for the collection of dues. In this connection the dues situation is especially unsatisfactory in New York, California and Illinois, districts which formerly averaged over 80 percent dues payments.

2. To assign a few members in every club to prevent a loss of 12,000 readers of *The Worker* in June and July, due to the expiration of this number of subscriptions. The securing of these 12,000 Worker renewals during the month of June is an urgent political task if we are to continue influencing these militant workers around the issues advanced and crusaded for by the *Worker*.

### PRESS FUND DRIVE

3. To speed up the Daily Worker Fund Drive to assure the regular daily appearance of this voice and organizer of the Party. Without the \$150,000 Fund Drive, the existence of the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker is in danger. Every club, every member, is urged to rush the money to the Daily Worker Fund Drive as a first responsibility coming before all other financial obligations.

4. To give systematic political attention to all new members, involving them in classes, in Club meetings and activities, convincing them to become readers of the Daily Worker.

All the above activities are an inseparable part of our Party Building Campaign. The completion of the recruiting aspects of the campaign will make available more forces for mass activities and for the fulfillment of the above-mentioned tasks.

We appeal to all members and Clubs to understand the significance and importance of this appeal and to organize their work accordingly without delay. We are confident that on June 18, as a result of your activities and understanding, our Party will be sub-

stantially stronger to meet its responsibilities to labor and the nation in the great struggles against the trusts. A stronger and more powerful Communist Party is necessary in the fight to defeat the conspiracies of the trusts to plunge our country into a reactionary war to drive down the conditions and democratic rights of labor and the

people. Intensify your recruiting activities, particularly among industrial workers.

Secure 12,000 Worker renewals and complete the Fund Drive during June.

Comply with the dues requirements of the Communist Party and place yourself and every other member in good standing.

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Attached hereto is a photostatic copy of a 9 page publication, issued by JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Secretary, CP, USA, containing important material for National Committee members, which was made available on May 13, 1946 by [redacted]

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# 1,031 Communists Recruited in Week

Sparked by the South, Communists recruited 1,031 members during the past week, bringing the total in the three months of the national party building campaign to almost 13,000.

At a Southern regional conference held in February the delegates agreed to recruit 1,000 people during the campaign. This has now been accomplished.

A total of 1,030 members have been recruited to date. Alabama, doubling its original objective of 150 new members, has recruited 303. The newly organized district in the Carolinas went over the top with 66 new recruits, bringing their total to 74.

Louisiana is only 25 short of its goal. Oklahoma, Virginia and

Florida are certain to reach more than 100 members each before the final reports are in. The South is discussing further recruiting activities as an inseparable part of their developing mass work in the months to come striving to double its present membership before the end of the year.

California leads all the larger districts with 75 percent of its objective achieved. Planning to conclude its drive on June 22, California is already scheduling two regional conferences to "Build the Communist Party in the Shops," to be held during August. Specific plans to continue intensive recruiting work in the main shops and industries of the state will be discussed.

A number of states, including New York, New Jersey, Michigan, New England, are extending the present campaign to July 4, confident that this will enable them to secure results in strengthening the Communist organizations.

The National Committee will summarize the campaign next week and all state organizations are concentrating on special wind-up recruiting activities in the final few days of the campaign.

Alabama	303	202%
Carolinas	74	148
Texas	263	105
Louisiana	125	83
Oklahoma	81	81
California	1,503	75
Michigan	436	72

Missouri	180	72
Colorado	96	69
Northwest	519	69
Florida	98	65
Ohio	614	61
New Jersey	464	61
New England	236	59
Virginia	86	57
Connecticut	140	56
Illinois	1,116	56
Eastern Pa.	630	52
New York	5,089	51
Indiana	114	5
West Virginia	37	
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# Communist Leaders Hail Recruiting Results

**14,377 MEMBERS ADDED; PARTY STRONGER IN KEY INDUSTRIAL AREAS**

The conclusion of the Communist Party building campaign on a national scale was announced in a report by the party's national board. The board noted that 14,377 new members were recruited. This was an average of nearly 5,000 new members a month.

The total membership, the national board pointed out, is now at a new high level since the special emergency convention last July, which reestablished the Communist Party as the fighting Marxist vanguard of the American working class.

"The Communist Party," the report continues, "emerges from this campaign greatly strengthened in many areas, in key shops and industries, in many Negro communities and working class localities.

When the Party Building campaign was initiated, we stressed that the success of the recruiting activities would be judged primarily by the growth of Communist membership in the basic industries, changing and improving the industrial composition of our party in every state. How can we estimate the results of our campaign in the light of this objective?"

Nearly 60 percent of all new members are industrial workers, 35 percent coming from the basic industries. In the main industrial districts 70 to 80 percent are industrial workers. In such states as New York and California, where the present membership is not predominantly working class in composition, considerable headway was made toward the goal of improving

the industrial composition of our Party."

## MARITIME GOAL SURPASSED

In the maritime industry, the report points out, the original objective was overfilled by more than 200 percent. The New York district established a "sizable organization among AFL longshoremen.

"In railroad, packing, shipyard, food and tobacco the original objective was surpassed, with Illinois making important gains in the packing industry.

"In steel and electrical we substantially increased our Party membership in all areas, with Ohio, Buffalo and Alabama doing an outstanding job.

"In auto, while not reaching our objective, we considerably increased our membership in certain spots, especially in Michigan and Chicago. "Only in coal and textile did we fall far below the goals set.

Considerable headway was made among AFL workers, especially on the West Coast and New York. The report points out, however, that these results were only a small fraction of the possibilities for the building of the Communist Party among AFL workers.

## NEW SHOP CLUBS

The national board report adds that "many new shop and industrial clubs were set up in California, Illinois, Ohio, New York, the South and in a number of other states.

"The Communist membership in Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Florida, Virginia, and the Carolines has more than doubled.

Our Alabama district recruited 321 new members, and the newly established district in the Carolines in one month recruited 120 new members, the majority in both districts being Negro industrial workers. "Over one third of all new recruits in the country are Negro men and women, the majority from industry, many of whom are returned Negro veterans."

## WEAKNESSES

The national board noted some weaknesses in the drive. Among these were:

1. Most community clubs have not yet developed mass work, with some clubs not even participating in the drive.
2. Some clubs, although involved in mass work, were unable to recruit in the course of such activities.
3. The drive was slowed because a number of state organizations had not yet completed reorganizing.
4. Remnants of passivity rendered part of the membership inactive in the drive.
5. With establishment of smaller clubs, the problem of developing more club leaders is still to be solved.
6. Stress on industrial composition resulted in insufficient attention to community clubs.

## NEXT PHASE

"We must give new members," the report emphasizes, "every opportunity to participate in the life and work of the clubs. Each club shall be asked to review the members recruited, help each member find a place in the club's activities, visit the

members not attending club meetings.

"The next month should also be utilized to consolidate our Party membership by bringing up the dues payments to an average of 80 percent.

"Finally, it is essential that we stabilize and extend the circulation of The Worker and the Daily Worker. The large family of readers of The Worker, who are not members of our party, form the necessary reserve army so essential for our future growth. It is in this spirit that the National Board directs attention to the potential expiration of 11,500 subscriptions to The Worker during June, July and August.

"Every state organization is therefore urged to immediately break down on the basis of communities the names of potential expirations. Each community club shall be provided with the list of expirations in their community. Special renewal teams shall be organized on a club basis, and wherever possible the persons who originally secured the subscriptions shall be assigned to secure the renewal.

The report ends on a vote of confidence on the new possibilities for

further extending the numerical strength of the Communist Party.

## RECRUITING RESULTS

Alabama	321	214%
Carolina	120	240%
Texas	276	110%
Oklahoma	92	92%
Michigan	531	88%
Louisiana	125	83%
California	1,598	80%
Colorado	95	79%
Northwest	561	75%
Missouri	180	72%
Florida	107	71%
Virginia	105	70%
New England	273	68%
Ohio	663	66%
New Jersey	487	65%
Indiana	148	61%
New York	6,050	60%
Connecticut	150	60%
Illinois	1,175	59%
Eastern Pa.	650	54%
Maryland	199	44%
West Virginia	37	44%
Western Pa.	174	39%
Wisconsin	111	37%
Nebraska	18	36%
Minnesota	120	24%
Utah	8	
Montana	3	

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# Williamson Lauds Recruiting Work

John Williamson, member of the Communist Party Secretariat, in charge of organization, is highly pleased with the Party recruiting campaign which brought in 14,377 new members.

Interviewed as he was leaving for Philadelphia, Williamson listed the highlights of the campaign:

1. The more than doubling of the membership in the South, opening up new possibilities for again doubling the southern states' membership in the months ahead.

2. The improvement of the industrial and trade union composition and the Party's sticking to its determination that quality and not merely quantity was decisive.

3. The clubs learning how to recruit in the course of the Party's participation in the current big labor struggle and political activity against the war drive of monopoly capitalism bi-Partisan Congressional bloc and the administration.

4. Conduct by the Party for the first time of several campaigns at one time in the midst of mass activities.

Williamson was asked what he would like to direct the Party members' attention to in the National Board statement reported in yesterday's Worker. He said:

**"Emphasize the need of reading and discussing the statement on the basis of the members' own experience. Above all, the key question is completion of the Party Building Campaign, by political education and activation of every last one of these new members—that is a job that must not be postponed."**

Then he added, "The picture would not be complete without em-



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phasizing that the Party Building Campaign results emphasize the need and possibility of making recruiting a daily task by every club and member, and that the entire Party must work to overcome the remaining weaknesses in its functioning, as outlined in the National Board statement."

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# Lessons of the Party Building Campaign

## Statement of the National Board of the Communist Party.

The National Board wishes to announce the conclusion on a national scale of the Communist Party Building Campaign which began March 15. The over-all results show that we have recruited 14,377 new members, averaging nearly 5,000 members a month.

Our total membership has now reached a new high since the Special Emergency Convention last July which re-established the Communist Party as the fighting Marxist vanguard of the American working class. The Communist Party emerges from this campaign greatly

strengthened in many areas throughout the country, in numerous key shops and industries, in many Negro communities and working class localities.

This growth of our Party is an index of the growing political maturity and mood to struggle of the American working class. Fighting militant determination and greater unity characterized the recent strike and wage struggles. The organized resentment and indignation of the workers developed into an avalanche of protest against the repressive measures launched by the bipartisan bloc in Congress and the Truman administration to weaken the ranks of labor.

A rising people's movement is developing around many issues—for price control, for democratic rights, for world peace, for the needs of the veterans against the reactionary-inspired attacks on the Negro people. All these bear witness to the fact that the American working class and people, Negro and white, are on the move against the reactionary war drive of American monopoly capitalism at home and abroad.

A clear and unmistakable answer to the reactionary offensive of monopoly capitalism; to their renewed red-baiting and anti-Communist activities, which found expression even in some sections of the labor and people's movement, was the growth of our Party in recent months, providing that vast and far-reaching possibilities exist for the further rapid strengthening of our Party in the period ahead.

When the Party Building Campaign was initiated we stressed that the success of the recruiting activities would be judged primarily

by the growth of Communist membership in the basic industries, changing and improving the industries, changing and improving the industrial composition of our Party in every state.

How can we estimate the results of our campaign in the light of this central objective?

The Party Building Campaign recorded important and significant successes toward the realization of this objective. That is why the campaign was an outstanding accomplishment.

We achieved substantial improvement in the industrial composition of our Party in the entire country. Nearly 60 percent of all new members are industrial workers; 35 percent from the basic industries. In the main industrial districts, over 70 percent are industrial workers with nearly 60 percent from the key industries. In such states as New York and California, where the present membership is not predominantly working class, considerable headway was also made toward attaining this goal.

For the first time in many years the principle of concentration was again applied on a wide scale. Many districts selected a number of important industries for major attention, allocating in some instances full-time forces, to rapidly increase the Communist membership. In several districts concentration branches were set up to supplement the work of the comrades in the industry. Through such organized and concerted attention definite progress was made in a number of major industries and shops.

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our full objective, we considerably increased our membership in certain spots, especially in Michigan and Chicago.

Substantial advances were made in the AFL organized industries, especially on the West Coast and New York. The increase in membership here, however, is but a fraction of the actual possibilities for extensive recruiting among AFL workers. Only in coal and textile did we fall far below the goals set, falling to mobilize to the maximum the forces available for the building of our Party.

We do not have as yet the complete number of shop and industrial clubs established during the campaign, but it is already evident that many new shop and industrial clubs were set up in California, Illinois, Ohio, New York, the South, and by a number of other states.

It should be emphasized, nevertheless, that we are still weak in a whole number of important large plants where the task remains either of creating new shop organizations or further strengthening the existing shop clubs.

In the series of industrial towns selected for major attention by the National and State Committees we showed some growth of the existing Communist organizations. But these results are not yet commensurate with the needs and possibilities which exist for the establishment of stable and flourishing Communist organizations in those towns. Clearly, additional forces and more regular attention must be provided to all such important industrial towns.

Very inadequate progress was made in the direction of setting up clubs in new working class areas in the large cities, and only the first slight beginnings were recorded in the establishment of Communist organizations in new rural towns. Recruiting among the farming population remained alarmingly small.

It was in the building of our Party in the Southern states that we made the most outstanding gains, recruiting nearly 1,200 new members. The Communist membership in the states of Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Florida, Virginia and the Carolinas has more than doubled.

Special mention must be made of the splendid work of our Alabama district, which recruited 321 new members, and that of the newly-established district in the Carolinas, which, in a period of one month,

recruited 120 members, the majority in both districts being Negro industrial workers.

This influx of new members into the Communist Party attests to the rising people's movement of Negro and white against Southern bourbon reaction now sweeping across the Southern states. Our growth opens up new possibilities for extending Communist organizations to additional Southern states, and creates the condition for the building of a truly mass Communist Party which can help to give leadership to the organization drive of the Southern workers, to the new political upsurge of the Negro and white population.

One-third of all new recruits in the country are Negro men and women, the majority from industry, many returned Negro veterans. The great response among the Negro people to the recruiting appeal of our Party is evidence not only of the great prestige our Party enjoys in the Negro communities but the readiness of the Negro people for organization and struggle. It is a recognition of our revived activities in the struggle in the struggle for Negro rights, in welding the alliance of labor and the Negro people.

These advances made by our Party during the Party building campaign are of decisive importance, emphasizing the serious manner with which the Party approached this task.

The lag in Party recruiting reflected in a number of districts cannot be attributed to our overestimating the possibilities for the growth of our Party in this period. Instead the results achieved throughout the country, the fact that we surpassed our goals in a number of key areas and industries, prove conclusively that the objectives originally set were fully realizable.

The Party Building Campaign served to place in sharp focus a number of problems connected with the completion of the reconstitution of the Communist Party as a fighting Marxist vanguard party. These are:

1. We did not yet succeed in transforming the majority of our community clubs into centers of mass work, initiating and developing independent activities around key issues, participating and supporting broad united actions of the people in the communities. Some clubs, therefore, did not even get into the drive, having but limited connections with non-Communists.

The most significant results were achieved in the maritime industry where the original objective was over-fulfilled by 200 per cent. The New York district, by establishing a sizeable organization among AFL longshoremen provides a splendid example of the application of a sound concentration policy.

In railroad, packing, shipyard, building trades, food and tobacco the original objective was surpassed, with Illinois making important gains in the packing industry. In steel we substantially increased our membership in all areas, with Ohio, Buffalo and Alabama doing an outstanding job.

In electrical and metal an all-around increase was recorded everywhere. In auto, while not reaching

2. In those areas where our clubs were actively involved in mass work, we still showed an inability to recruit in the course of such activities. Where we were able to connect Party building with mass work we recorded definite results. But the fact remains that we must still learn how to recruit in the midst of mass work, in the course of developing struggles.

3. When the campaign was launched, a number of state organizations had not yet completed the task of reorganizing the Communist Party. They were in the midst of establishing the shop and industrial clubs and the section organizations. As a result, in the case of New York for instance, the shop and industrial clubs who should have given the lead, entered the campaign late, and never developed a real live tempo in their recruiting activities.

4. The still existing remnants of passivity impeded the full mobilization of our membership for the campaign. This was only partially overcome in the course of the campaign and in the mass activities initiated by the clubs. But major attention must still be given to the task of transforming the Party membership into an active fighting Communist force.

5. With the establishment of smaller clubs we faced the problem of developing additional club leaders to man the new clubs. Only the first steps were taken in this direction.

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rection with the result, in many instances, that the existing club leaderships were not adequately trained to cope with the many problems and tasks confronting the clubs.

6. Because we laid correct stress on changing the industrial composition of our membership through recruiting in basic industries, we in many cases did not give sufficient attention to the community clubs and their possibilities of recruiting. What is more we failed to show how the job of concentration was the task of the entire Party.

It is essential that we now pay attention to the above problems and collectively move toward their solution.

In the final analysis the success of our recruiting activities will be determined by the degree to which the large number of new members are activated in the Party. The political and organizational integration of the new members in the life and activities of all clubs is now a key and central task. We must quickly acquaint the new members with the role and function of our Party, its history and program, the right and obligations of Communist membership.

We must give the new members every opportunity to participate in the life and work of the clubs, helping them to become more effective political workers in the unions, shops, and communities. All state organizations should without delay, and with the utmost seriousness, take the necessary measures to guarantee the full involvement of the new member in the clubs.

Consideration shall be given to a rounded-out program which will include new members' conferences, classes and schools, the placing of certain literature in the hands of the new members, convincing them to become readers of our press. Each club shall be asked to carefully review the members recruited helping each new member find a place in the club's activities, visiting those not yet attending club meetings.

But we must not forget that the new members joined our Party because it is the Party of socialism, a Party of action and struggle. To the extent that we expand the independent mass activities of our clubs, put the new members to work, and help them begin to understand Marxism-Leninism, to that extent will we succeed in holding the new members.

The next month should also be utilized as a period of intensive consolidation of our Party membership by bringing up the dues payments of every club to an average of 80 percent. The month of May saw a definite improvement in dues payments, but our dues status for the first half year still remains unsatisfactory and this problem still requires considerable attention.

The continued growth of the Communist Party greatly depends upon the circulation of the Communist press. The large family of readers of *The Worker*, who are not members of our party, are part of the necessary reserve forces so essential for our future growth.

It is in this spirit that the National Board directs attention to the potential expiration of 11,500 subscriptions to *The Worker* during the months of June, July and August. It is necessary that the most serious attention be given to renewing the bulk of these subscriptions, stabilizing and extending the circulation of *The Worker* and the *Daily Worker*.

Every state organization is therefore urged to immediately break down on the basis of communities the names of potential expirations. Each community shall be provided

with the list of expirations in their community. Special renewal teams shall be organized on a club basis for the sole task of securing renewals, and wherever possible the persons who originally secured the subscriptions shall be assigned to secure the renewal.

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In the opening up our National Party Building campaign Comrade Foster stated: "To solve the difficult problems now confronting them the workers of this country, our whole nation in fact, have an imperative need for a powerful Communist Party. We must, therefore, make our Party membership and our supporters understand that the building of the Communist Party into a mass Party has become an urgent political necessity for the United States."

The national Party Building Cam-

paign has proven the possibility of building such a powerful Communist Party. We cannot rest on our achievements. Our Party can thrive and grow rapidly only if recruiting becomes an inseparable part of the Party's participation and leadership in mass work and struggle, on a day to day basis.

With this understanding every club, Section and State leadership should approach recruiting in a planned and organized manner. At the same time special measures should be taken on a district scale to immediately organize extensive recruiting activities in certain key industries, in the AFL, in concentration towns and communities. Only in this way can we continue to grow.

Let us make the building of the Party an every day task. Let us not for a moment forget that our nation imperatively needs a strong Communist Party.

Director, FBI

August 21, 1946

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SAC, New York

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,  
DISTRICT #2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION  
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[redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, furnished this office with Communist Party recruiting bulletins for June and July, which are being forwarded to the Bureau as enclosures. b7D

In addition, the informant also furnished a report of the progress of the New York County Fund Drive Committee of the Communist Party, indicating that up until June 20, 1946, the committee has succeeded in collecting over 60 percent of the amount of money desired. The ultimate goal of the New York County has been set at \$129,000.

The fund drive report is also being forwarded as an enclosure.

2 Enclosures

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Director, FBI

August 28, 1946

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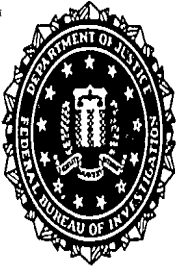
[redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that a drive will be underway commencing September 16, 1946 to increase the circulation for the Daily Worker newspaper. According to this informant, the Party has announced that commencing on the above date, the Daily Worker will consist of 16 pages and will contain a comic strip section and also have pictures of interest, which the Party hopes will appeal to the general public and increase circulation of the paper. Also the feature articles of the paper are to contain news items dealing with subjects other than Communism, which the Party also hopes will appeal to the public.

[redacted] also advised that the Communist Party of New York has issued instructions to each club that one new comrade must be recruited each week and that the regular annual recruiting drive will no longer take place in view of the new policy to recruit one new comrade each week by each individual club, and that if each club obeys this instruction, the Party hopes that over 6,000 new comrades will be brought into the Party in New York County alone over a period of a year.

This information is being furnished for the Bureau's attention.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

New York, New York  
September 4, 1946

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RE: MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITING, COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

*See 100-80638-25*

Attached hereto is a mimeograph copy of recruiting drive statistics, March 15th-June 1st, 1946 for New York State Communist Party, made available by

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RUSSELL S. GARNER,  
Special Agent

Attachment

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September 19, 1946

Excerpt from  
SAC LETTER NO. 101  
Series 1946

(B) COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP; INTERNAL SECURITY - C; (BUREAU FILE 100-3-68) --  
A confidential informant of the New York Field Division has advised that the New York State Review Commission of the Communist Party - USA has issued a questionnaire requesting detailed biographical data concerning individual members. This questionnaire is described as consisting of some 500 words, being in mimeographed form, and being addressed specifically to Communist functionaries and members of Section and County Committees of the Communist Party.

It is said that the opening paragraph states that the Review Commission is interested in every detail of the recipient's life from the time he was born so that the Review Commission may have full details as to the background of the recipient. The recipient is urged to use as much paper as he or she sees fit and is assured the biography will be treated as "top secret."

There are four sections to the questionnaire. Section one covers personal background data, such as place and date of birth of the recipient and all members of his or her family, their occupations, past occupations, place of employment, past places of employment, and political affiliations. There is even space to include nicknames and pseudonyms used in or out of the Communist Party. There is also included in section one a question as to whether the recipient is a veteran of any war or whether he has belonged to any foreign army.

Section two covers education - both regular education and Marxist study.

Section three relates to the recipient's affiliation with the Communist Party as well as his or her activities as a member of the Communist Party in carrying out Communist Party objectives. This section also includes space for information pertaining to the individual's history in the Communist Party, including such matters as disciplinary action taken against him.

The last section requests the recipient to provide a full report of his or her membership in other mass organizations, political groups or parties, social organizations, trade unions, et cetera. The names, dates, places, and positions are requested. Furthermore, participation in every strike, lockout, Communist or other demonstrations is requested. Any arrests as well as dispositions thereof are provided for.

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The Bureau has, as yet, not been supplied with a copy of this questionnaire. According to the informant, however, the questionnaire seen by him contains the label "UOPWA/1," which is the local of the United Office and Professional Workers of America - CIO employed at Communist Party Headquarters.

The foregoing information is made available to you with the instructions that you remain alert for any indications of the circulation of this type of questionnaire in the area covered by your field division. In the event any pertinent information is received, it should be brought to the Bureau's attention promptly.

The Bureau desires that every effort be made to ascertain the disposition of such questionnaires if they are distributed in your field division. Information as to whether more than one copy is executed by the recipients is deemed important. Furthermore, if at all possible, each field division should attempt to ascertain whether copies of the questionnaires are sent to National Headquarters of the Communist Party and if so, by what means.

This matter is deemed important by the Bureau in that it is entirely possible the information contained in such questionnaires could be utilized in espionage or sabotage work.

September 19, 1946

Excerpt from  
SAC LETTER NO. 101  
Series 1946

(C) COMMUNIST PARTY, USA MEMBERSHIP; INTERNAL SECURITY - C -- It will be recalled that in Bureau Bulletin Number 30, dated May 16, 1945, and in Bureau Bulletin Number 66, dated November 14, 1945, each Field Division was requested to obtain a breakdown of Communist Party membership in each Field Division.

The Bureau is again desirous of obtaining an up-to-date analysis of the membership of the Communist Party in each Communist Party district. Accordingly, you are instructed to immediately make the necessary inquiries and conduct the appropriate investigation to obtain the following data with respect to Communist Party membership in the area covered by your Field Division: (1) Total number of registered members; (2) Total resident membership (This includes all persons carried on Communist Party rolls regardless of the status of their dues. It also would include those members who are in the Armed Forces, etc.); (3) Dues paying members.

The membership figures should further be broken down in the following categories which are generally utilized by the Communist Party and the information concerning which appears on the Communist Party registration cards: Men; Women; Negro; White; Age; Trade or Occupation; Union Affiliation; National Origin of Member or Parents; Length of Time in the Party and whether War Veteran of World War I or World War II.

Should the Field Office covering the headquarters of the Communist Party district obtain the above desired information, that fact should be immediately furnished to the auxiliary offices so that they will not conduct unnecessary investigation in this regard. The New York Office should remain alert for any information reflecting Communist Party membership on a nationwide scale.

This project is deemed of extreme importance to the Bureau at this time and it is requested that a report captioned as above but including the Communist Party district number submitting the desired information be furnished to the Bureau within thirty days after receipt of this letter.

Obviously, if one or more Field Divisions fail to obtain the desired information the Bureau can have no accurate picture of the Communist Party membership. Consequently each Field Division should make a concentrated effort to comply with the Bureau instructions in this matter.

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September 26, 1946

Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY USA - MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bureau file 100-3-68)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to SAC letter 101, series 1946 dated September 19, 1946, concerning the issuance of questionnaires by the Review Commissions of Communist Party Districts throughout the United States.

The Bureau's attention is invited to an excellent example of the actual contents and execution of such questionnaire which is set forth in the report of Special Agent PETER J. MEANFY, dated April 9, 1946 at Portland, Oregon, in the case entitled [redacted] [redacted] was: INTERNAL SECURITY - C." (Bureau file 100-180564)

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The New York Field Division is being alert to the instructions set forth in reference letter.

Very truly yours,

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EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI

October 5, 1946

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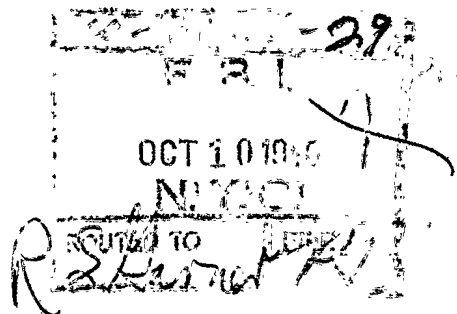
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, MEMBERSHIP  
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Reference is made to Bureau letter to all SACs, No. 101, Series 1946, dated September 19, 1946, setting forth instructions to be followed in reporting Communist Party membership in each Field Division.

Please be advised that there are no Communist Party members in Mississippi. It is noted that the recent National Committee plenum of the Communist Party, U.S.A., held in Brooklyn, New York, NATHAN ROSS in his discussions regarding political development stated that the Communist Party had no membership in Mississippi.

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CC: New York  
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DIRECTOR, FBI

October 3, 1946

GUY HOTTEL, SAC Washington Field

COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bureau file #100-3-68)

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Reference is made to Section B of SAC Letter No. 101, Series 1946, dated September 19, 1946, in which attention was directed to a questionnaire requesting detailed biographical data which was issued by the New York State Review Commission of the Communist Party.

[redacted] In this Division provided this office with two copies of this questionnaire, one of which is enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau. These informants related that these questionnaires were sent to all members of the District Committee of the Communist Party in the United States. They were received on December 4, 1945, by the Washington, D. C. members of the District Committee of District No. 4 of the Communist Party, whose headquarters are located in Baltimore, Maryland.

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Instructions were received by these Committee members that their autobiographies would have to be completed and returned to District No. 4 headquarters not later than December 9, 1945. Those who submitted these autobiographies in this area were [redacted]

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[redacted] These autobiographies were turned over to AL LANNON who was then chairman of District No. 4. Informants did not know how they were transmitted to the national headquarters but in view of the normal procedure in matters of this kind it is probable that they were taken to New York either by AL LANNON or ALBERT BLUMBERG personally. Only the original of each autobiography was submitted to District headquarters in each instance.

There has been no similar request for autobiographies since that time. It was the understanding of [redacted] that the national headquarters of the Party desired this information in connection with a review and analysis of the leadership of the various Districts. In other words, on the basis of these autobiographies the National Committee was able to determine whether persons with sufficient Communist background and leadership qualities were being selected as officials of the various Districts in the United States.

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*R.S. Garner*

Director, FBI

October 22, 1946

SAC, New York

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -  
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(BUREAU FILE 100-3-68)

Reference is made to SAC letter 101, Series 1946, dated September 19, 1946, requesting a current analysis of Communist Party membership in each Communist Party District.

Confidential informants and other established sources of information on Communist matters in the New York Field Office have been unable, to date, to obtain such an analysis as requested. All have indicated that to their knowledge no such detailed analysis has been prepared recently in District #2. They have pointed out, however, that 1947 registration of all party members is to commence in District #2 shortly after election day on November 5, 1946, with completion set for December 31, 1946.

It is possible that a detailed membership analysis will be prepared following this registration period. The New York Office will remain alert to procure this data if it appears.

The New York Office was able to obtain from a highly confidential and reliable source having access to Queens County Communist Party Headquarters, 46-14 Queens Boulevard, Sunnyside, Long Island, on October 17, 1946, a mimeographed membership and dues report of the New York State Communist Party as of September 30, 1946. This report reflected statistics concerning resident membership and dues paying membership of the New York State Communist Party.

A digest of this aforementioned report is enclosed herewith.

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Enclosure (1)

cc - Albany (Enc.)  
Buffalo (Enc.)

COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP  
 DISTRICT NUMBER 2 (NEW YORK STATE)  
 COMMUNIST PARTY UNITS - NEW YORK FIELD  
 DIVISION

	RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP	DUES-PAYING MEMBERSHIP
New York County (Manhattan)	11,742	1,734
Kings County (Brooklyn)	8,003	1,613
Bronx County	5,195	826
Queens County	2,149	269
Richmond County (Staten Island)	66	4
Nassau & Suffolk Counties (Long Island)	347	21
Tri-County Section (Putnam, Rockland and Westchester Counties)	437	32
Mid-Hudson Section (Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Sullivan & Ulster Counties)	135	5
TOTAL	<u>28,074</u>	<u>4,506</u>
Communist Party Units - Upstate (Outside New York Field Division)		
Capitol District	222	16
Western New York Sub-District	993	39
TOTAL	<u>1,215</u>	<u>55</u>
Members-at-Large - New York State (Majority probably located in New York Field Division)	162	49
GRAND TOTAL	29,451	4,608

October 24, 1946

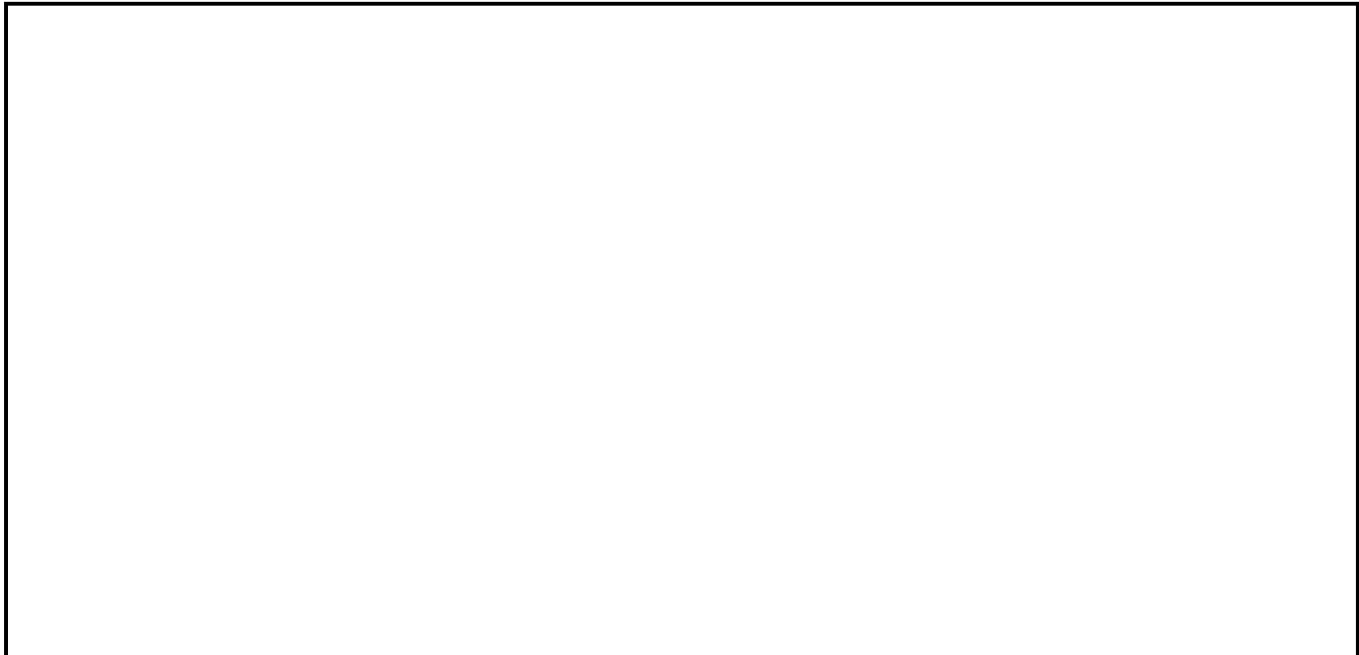
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SAC, Philadelphia

COMMUNIST PARTY U.S.A. MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY-C  
Bureau File 100-3-68

Reference is made to SAC Letter 101, Series 1946, dated September 19, 1946, Section (B), which refers to a questionnaire issued by the New York City Review Commission of the Communist Party U.S.A., requesting biographical information regarding individual members.

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A strictly confidential informant within the past few days furnished this office with material, which is kept in the personal possession of PHIL and CORNELIA BART respectively, the District Organizer and District Membership Director of the Communist Party District #3. Part of this material consisted of brief biographical sketches on the district functionaries. The material appeared rather brief to have been prepared on the basis of 500 word questionnaire, such as is described in the SAC Letter. The possibility exists, however, that it was prepared for this purpose. The questionnaire, themselves, were not found by the informant.

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cc:New York

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R. S. Harner





New York, New York  
November 5, 1946

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Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY - U. S. A.  
DISTRICT NO. 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith photostatic copies of plans for the 1947 Communist Party registration campaign, one issued by the New York State Communist Party, and the other issued by the Kings County Communist Party.

These two photostatic copies were made from the originals which were obtained through a trash cover maintained on Queens County Communist Party Headquarters, 46-14 Queens Boulevard, Sunnyside, Long Island, New York, October 31, 1946, by Special Agents [redacted]

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The Bureau's attention is invited to page 3, item 7-B of the "Draft Plan on Registration" which states with regard to books and registration cards: "There will be no names used on the registration cards this year, and the only check will be to make sure the registration card number and book number tallies."

Also of interest to the Bureau is page 4, item 13 of the "Organization and Membership Departments Plan for 1947 Party Registration Campaign" which states "The Club Membership Secretary must write the new 1947 book number next to the name of the Comrade on the Club membership list."

Very truly yours,

  
Edward Scheidt, SAC

Enclosures (2)

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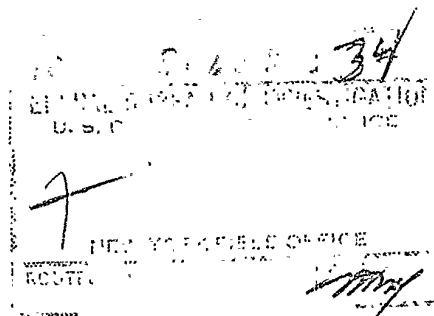
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November 5, 1946

Excerpt from  
SAC LETTER NO. 114  
Series 1946

(A) COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP; INTERNAL SECURITY - C; (Bureau File #100-3-68) -- A reliable confidential informant has advised that the registration of Communist Party members will take place shortly after the November, 1946, elections. It is said that all Party members must be registered before the Christmas period, 1946.

The Bureau desires that all Field Divisions make every effort to obtain through reliable, established informants and other sources results of the new registration. All pertinent information obtained should be forwarded to the Bureau as soon as possible.



New York 7, N. Y.  
November 13, 1946

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Director, FBI


Re: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA -  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bureau File 100-3-68)

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith printed instructions for carrying through the 1946 - 1947 Party registration, which instructions were obtained on November 11, 1946 by Special Agents of the New York office from a strictly confidential source having access to Queens County Communist Party headquarters, 46-14 Queens Boulevard, Long Island, New York.

It is believed that these instructions will be of interest to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

  
RICHARD SCHEIDT,  
SAC

Enc. ✓

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Description: Memo 9/20/46 by SA R.S. Garner

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New York, New York  
November 20, 1946

MEMO

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, DISTRICT #2,  
NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION  
(ADDRESSES OF COMMUNIST PARTY UNITS).  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The "New York Times" for Sunday, November 10, 1946, in a squib in its editorial section mentioned that there were 60,000 members of the Communist Party in the United States. Further, that the Communist Party clubs in this country numbered 1400 with 25 to 50 members per club.

RUSSELL S. GARNER, SA.

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Director, FBI

November 22, 1946

SAC, New York

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bureau File 100-3-68)

Reference is made to a letter dated November 1, 1946 from Anchorage to the Bureau requesting advice as to whether various persons listed in that letter who were formerly Communist Party members in various localities in the United States, are presently being carried on the roles of the Party.

With regard to  New York file 100-18536, who was a member of the South Shore Branch of the Communist Party in Staten Island, New York, prior to his departure for Alaska, a careful review of his case file as well as the file maintained on the Staten Island Communist Party, fails to reflect any information indicating that he is presently carried on the roles of the South Shore Branch of the Communist Party, Staten Island, New York.

If, in the future however, any information is received showing that he is still carried on the roles of the Party in New York City, this information will be promptly forwarded to the Bureau and Anchorage.

No further action is being taken in this office.

CC Anchorage

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: November 25, 1946

FROM: SAC, Albany

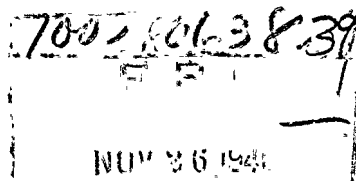
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A. - MEMBERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(New York File 100-80638)

There is enclosed herewith one copy of a mimeographed dues report for the State of New York Communist Party for the period January 1, 1946 - June 30, 1946.

This material was made available at Communist Party Headquarters, Binghamton, New York, and is being submitted for your information.

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Enclosure (1)

cc. Buffalo (Enclosure (1))





New York, 7, New York

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December 3, 1946.

Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA; MEMBERSHIP;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bureau File 100-3-68)

Dear Sir:


Reference is made to SAC Letter #101, Series 1946, dated September 19, 1946, which sets forth particularized information concerning a biographical questionnaire issued by the New York State Review Commission of the Communist Party - USA, and addressed to Communist functionaries and members of Section and County Committees of the Communist Party.

Reference is also made to the letter to the New York Field Division dated October 25, 1946 relating to the same subject matter.

Enclosed herewith are two photostat copies of a three-page questionnaire captioned "Communist Party, New York State - Personnel Biography", which in its scope conforms closely with the specifications set forth in the referenced SAC Letter #101.

It is to be noted that the handwriting in the enclosed photostats is that of Special Agent John N. Doran who copied the data from the original which was made available by a reliable and highly confidential source having access to Communist Party Headquarters, Bronx County, 125 East 170th Street, New York City, on November 21, 1946. Additional blank forms of the questionnaire were not available without jeopardizing security. While it will be noted that the enclosures contained no mention of the Review Commission's desire to obtain the biographical data as set out in SAC Letter #101, they are being submitted for your information.

Very truly yours,

  
EDWARD SCHEIDT  
SAC

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 Encls. (2)

Director, FBI

December 17, 1946

SAC, Detroit

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COMMUNIST PARTY USA -- MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to SAC Letter Number 101, dated September 19, 1946, Section C, which requested a break-down of Communist Party membership in each Field Division.

As of July 22, 1946, Communist Party District 7, which comprises the entire State of Michigan, had registered 2135 members for 1946, this being an exact figure current as of that date.

On October 4, 1946, Informants advised that the top membership figure expected to be registered in 1946, was 2400 with fifty per cent of this total designated as current dues paying members.

Of the total of 2135 members, these individuals were distributed among the Communist Clubs as follows:

Community Clubs	1529
Shop Branches	481
Professional and White Collar Clubs	107
Language Clubs	<u>18</u>
Total	2135

As of January 28, 1946, Informants made available to this office, complete break-downs of the Communist Party membership of Michigan for 1946. It is noted that as of this date, a total of 1090 members was recorded. This break-down includes race, sex, union affiliations, veteran affiliations, housewives, nationality status, basic industries, and the number of years in the Party.

On March 4, 1946, Informants made available a supplementary break-down of Communist Party membership, which included a total of 209 additional members registered in the period from January 28, 1946 to March 4, 1946.

There is being set forth hereunder this entire total of 1299 Communist Party members with the itemized break-down as previously described. To date information has not been made available to this Field Division which would account for a description of the membership over and above the figure 1299.

*R. D. Garner*  
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Letter to the Director  
December 17, 1946

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY USA - MEMBERSHIP  
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Male	931
Female	368
Total	<u>1299</u>

White	944
Negro	331
Unknown	24
Total	<u>1299</u>

Unions:

CIO	780
AFL	94
IND	7
No Unions	315
Total	<u>1226</u>

Employed	911
Unemployed	91
In Business or self employed	74
Housewives	193
Total	<u>1299</u>

Years in Party:

Under 1 year	136
1 - 2 years	265
2 - 5 years	249
5 - 10 years	264
over 10 years	208
Unknown	162
Charter Members	15
Total	<u>1299</u>

Ages:

Under 25	88
26 - 35	449
36 - 45	290
over 45	368
Unknown	104
Total	<u>1299</u>

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National Origin:

Croatian	23
Czechoslovakian	13
Finnish	62
German	29
Hungarian	19
Irish	34
Italian	37
Jewish	203
Lithuanian	19
Polish	61
Russian	72
Scandinavian	14
Spanish speaking	3
American	483
English	53
Rumanian	15
Yugoslav	17
Greek	23
Syrian	9
Bulgarian	7
Armenian	32
French	3
Dutch	3
Albanian	1
Swiss	1
Serb	1
Unknown	62
Total	<u>1299</u>

Basic Industry

Auto	571
Aviation	7
Chemical	1
Lumber	5
Marine (Seamen)	4
Metal Miners, etc.	5
Metal:	
Elec. Equip.	3
Machinists	2
Packing	4
Railroad	2
Rubber	8
Steel	16
Transport (Bus, etc.)	16
Total	<u>644</u>

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Light Industry:

Building Trade	
Bricklayers, etc.	1
Building Laborers	4
Carpenters	9
Electricians	4
Painters	8
Pipe Trades	3
Others (Bldg. Trades)	
Building Maintenance	1
Communication (Tel. & Radio)	2
Food:	
Bakers	2
Cannery	5
Hotel & Restaurant	27
Others	5
Furniture	1
Needle (Men's)	6
Needle (Women's)	3
Laundry	6
Printing	6
Shoe & Leather	2
Service Workers:	
Barbers	4
Domestics	6
Store Clerks	13
Others	7
Other Industries	1
Total	<u>126</u>

Professional and White Collar:

Artists, Actors, Etc.	11
Doctors, Dentists	11
Engineers, Draftsmen, etc.	19
Lawyers	3
Musicians	9
Nurses	4
Newspaper Writers	17
Office Workers	54
Salesmen	8

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Social Service	5
Students	33
Writers - Books, etc.	
Others:	
Teachers	20
City Workers	8
Ministers	2
Government	2
Total	<u>206</u>
<u>Farmers</u>	11
World War II Vets	104
World War I Vets	30
Spanish War Veterans	16
Members of Veterans Organizations	5
Full Time Mass Organization	
Functionaires	28
Full Time Party Functionaries	7
Club subscribers to Daily Worker	395
Subscribers to Worker	492

The above outline as set forth reflects a few discrepancies in the actual membership totals. However, informants have advised that the totals as set forth are complete as of the date of this information, with the discrepancy being caused by the lack of information at the time of the registration of the Party members.

EES:VAK  
100-2050

cc - New York City

# State CP Reaches 52% In Registration Drive

Reporting on the progress in New York State of the registration of 30,000 members and new recruits of the Communist Party, only 52 percent of the goal has been reached at the half-way mark, it was announced yesterday by May Forbes, state membership director.

The drive, which opened Nov. 15 and will end Jan. 15, must be speeded up before the Christmas holidays, or they may interfere with the goal of full registration, the membership director pointed out.

"Only by getting registration over quickly, can we be sure that our full forces will be available to participate in the people's fight for adequate housing, against rising prices and inflation; and for labor's rights—the most pressing issues of the day," the membership director declared.

In New York City, Kings County is leading the other counties with 65 percent of its members registered. Queens is second with 61 percent, the Bronx and Manhattan are lagging behind with 53 percent and 47 percent respectively.

Of the sections, Flatbush is ahead with 93 percent, leading all the other sections of the city which have achieved more than 65 percent of their goal. These include Brighton, Boro Hall, Crown Heights, 12th A.D., Eastern Parkway, Waterfront, Fort Greens and Brownsville sections of Kings. In Manhattan, four sections are over 65 percent, including the Garment Section; in the Bronx, three, and two in Manhattan.

Upstate, Glen Falls and Schoharie are leading with 100 percent for each, followed by Gloversville, which has reached the 66 percent mark.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FILE

COPY TO MEMORANDUM

N. Y. Daily Worker  
DATED 12-15-46

# State CP Asks Registration Speedup

Warning of the "storms gathering against the labor movement" the New York State Secretariat of the Communist Party yesterday urged the completion of Party registration before Jan. 15.

"According to the State Committee plan of Oct. 10, 75 percent of our membership was to be registered by Dec. 15," the secretariat declared. "This has not been fully accomplished. That it can be done, however, is clear from the achievement of Queens, which did register 71 percent; Kings with 70 percent and Garment with 72 percent.

"Eighteen sections of the Party have equalled or gone far above the

quota to be reached by Dec. 15. These include such sections as Flatbush, 94 percent; Brighton, 84 percent; Boro Hall 83 percent, Washington Heights, 83 percent; Forbes, 75 percent; Mosholu, 78 percent; Rockaway, 85 percent, and four industrial sections, (85-83-81-75 percent).

"But other counties trail these top divisions and sections of the Party. These accomplishments, however, demonstrate clearly that 75 percent could have been accomplished if a little more attention had been paid.

"Hence, the State Secretariat calls upon the county, section and club committees to make the greatest effort possible so that by Christmas Day, 75 percent will be accomplished and then proceed on further with all energy to reach our goal of January 15.

"Help must be given to those that still lag behind, with particular attention paid to the sections of the Party in the Negro communities. This means the mobilization of the essential forces, using even the coming holidays in order to reach the comrades in their homes to achieve our aim.

"The New York State organization has always shown that where there is determination to accomplish something it can be done. The registration of our full Party membership is a first rate political task for the whole Party. Let there be no relaxation but on the contrary, mobilization with full energy to push on to our goal by Jan. 15."

The statement was signed by:

Robert Thompson,  
Israel Amter and  
William Norman.

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